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NOW, JOHNS HOPKINS SUES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

After Harvard and MIT, Johns Hopkins University has moved against the plan to remove foreign online students from US

CASE FILED IN DIST COURT, WASHINGTON DC

Johns Hopkins University filed a lawsuit in US District Court in Washington, DC on Friday against the the Trump administration's order to abruptly rescind accommodations for online learning for 5,000 international students at the university and thousands more across the country. Hopkins sought a temporary restraining order against the US decision

'DECISION IS GRATUITOUS, CRUEL'

- "The (Trump) administration's decision is gratuitous, cruel, and inimical to what this country is about," Johns Hopkins University President Ronald J Daniels said
- Hundreds of thousands of Indian students in the US will be affected by the decision of the Trump administration

1.94 lakh

INDIAN STUDENTS HAVE ENROLLED IN THE US AS OF JANUARY THIS YEAR

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23K in home quarantine gave wrong addresses

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

At a time when Bengaluru and many other parts of the state are witnessing a sharp spike in Covid-19 cases, the citizens' quarantine squad, which is keeping tabs on those in home quarantine, has found that over 23,000 individuals have furnished wrong information about their place of residence.

After the government laid down protocols for inter-state returnees, which included mandatory 14-day home quarantine, the citizens' quarantine squad was tasked with ensuring that the norms are not violated. However, the team is dealing with a huge problem as many have not given their correct residential address.

According to statistics available with the squad, about 69,297 people are in active home quarantine as on Sunday in Bengaluru Urban district. Of them, only 46,113 people have given their proper address details while 23,184 individuals have not, leading to difficulties in tracking them. As on Sunday, 13,036 volunteers have enrolled for the citizens' quarantine squad. Volunteers first have to register on www.quarantinesquad.in and join a group on the Telegram app related to their respective wards. Details regarding the number of people in home quarantine, along with their addresses and contact numbers will be available on the Quarantine Watch app of the State Government. The volunteers go door to door and conduct checks on people in home quarantine on the 2nd, 5th, 10th and 14th day.

Subir Sehgal, a citizen coordinator in Bengaluru, recalled a recent incident wherein he had to check on a home-quarantined individual at an apartment complex in Yelahanka. But the residents of the apartment denied having travelled anywhere and insisted that they are not home-quarantined.

"The security guard at the apartment pointed to a flat where a party was on. I went there along with Civil Defence personnel and told the residents that they can't host parties with so many people when they are supposed to be under home quarantine. They were shocked when they heard this and said they hadn't travelled anywhere for the past six months. Later, I realised that the wrong address was given." P4

The Ballari Road near Kodigehalli in Bengaluru, usually a nightmare for motorists and pedestrians with bumper-to-bumper traffic, resembles a freeway during the Sunday lockdown | SHRIRAM B N

Dists with case spike may be locked down

Decision today after CM holds meeting with DCs

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

THE one-week lockdown announced for Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts, starting Tuesday, could be extended to other districts which are witnessing a spike in the number of Covid-19 cases, the government has hinted. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will hold a meeting with District Deputy Commissioners from across the state on Monday where the possibility of having such a lockdown will be discussed.

Given the spurt in the number of cases, the State Government is mulling severity-specific measures in districts, ranging from complete lockdown to targeted restrictions. Revenue Minister R Ashok on Sunday afternoon told the media that district-specific decisions will be taken after Monday's review meeting. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is under voluntary home quarantine, will join the video conference from his official residence 'Krishna'. No other officials or ministers will accompany the CM physically and they will join from their respective offices or residences.

"The Chief Minister will chair two meetings with Deputy Commissioners. A meeting with DCs of some 12 districts with a large number of Covid-19 cases will be held in the morning and another with the DCs of the remaining district will be held in the afternoon. We will take a well-informed decision based on the meeting. The CM will decide if there is a need for a lockdown or partial closure or specific containment measures, depending on the situation in each district," Ashok said.

The guidelines for the lockdown announced in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts for a period of one week starting Tuesday evening will also be issued on Monday.

"Many people would want to travel for emergencies or other reasons. Last time, the lockdown was sudden and they had to stay wherever they were, but this time we have announced it in advance. Till Tuesday, people are free to travel to wherever they like. But starting 8 pm on Tuesday, citizens will have to cooperate with us. If someone wants to travel, they should do it now," Ashok stressed. P4

CM's Sunday with a book

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is in home quarantine, caught up with some reading on Sunday. DETAILS: P3

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

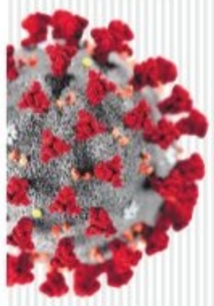
2,627 Test positive on Sunday

38,843 Positive cases so far

71 Deaths on Sunday

684 Fatalities so far

15,409 Recoveries till date



REPORTS: P4

Sachin revolts, says Raj govt in minority

RAJESH ASNANI AND RICHA SHARMA @ Jaipur/New Delhi

RAJASTHAN may well be going the Madhya Pradesh way with state Congress chief and Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot revolting against party veteran and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. In a message to the media, Pilot said he won't attend the Congress Legislative Party meeting on Monday and that Gehlot's has become a minority government. Pilot also claimed 30 MLAs support him.

Late-night reports suggested that he may meet BJP chief JP Nadda at 10:30 am on Monday, but it could not be independently verified.

According to sources, the trigger for the revolt is a police notice to Pilot in a case related to poaching of party MLAs to topple the state government.

Differences between the two leaders were brewing for some time but they reached a tipping point on Sunday with Pilot, along with a group of MLAs supporting him, rushing to Delhi to meet Congress chief Sonia Gandhi. He reportedly could not meet her.

Sources said Avinash Pandey, AICC general-secretary in-charge of Rajasthan, told Sonia there was no danger to the government.

Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi spoke to Pilot over phone and sent senior leaders Ajay Makan, Randeep Singh Surjewala and Avinash Pandey to Jaipur to meet Gehlot.

"There is no reason for the BJP to be happy. All Congress party is together...," Surjewala told reporters after reaching Jaipur on Sunday night. The three leaders then went straight to the CM's residence.

The political turmoil in Rajasthan, coming barely three months after the debacle of the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh following Jyotiraditya Scindia's dramatic switch-over to the BJP due to similar differences with senior party leaders Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh, has left senior leaders worried. "Worried for our party. Will we wake up only after the horses have bolted from our stables," Congress leader Kapil Sibal tweeted.

Party sources said the problem started during the Rajya Sabha elections last month when Gehlot claimed there were attempts to topple his government. P7

LAC STAND-OFF

Finger-4, Depsang issue to be taken up at crucial meet

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

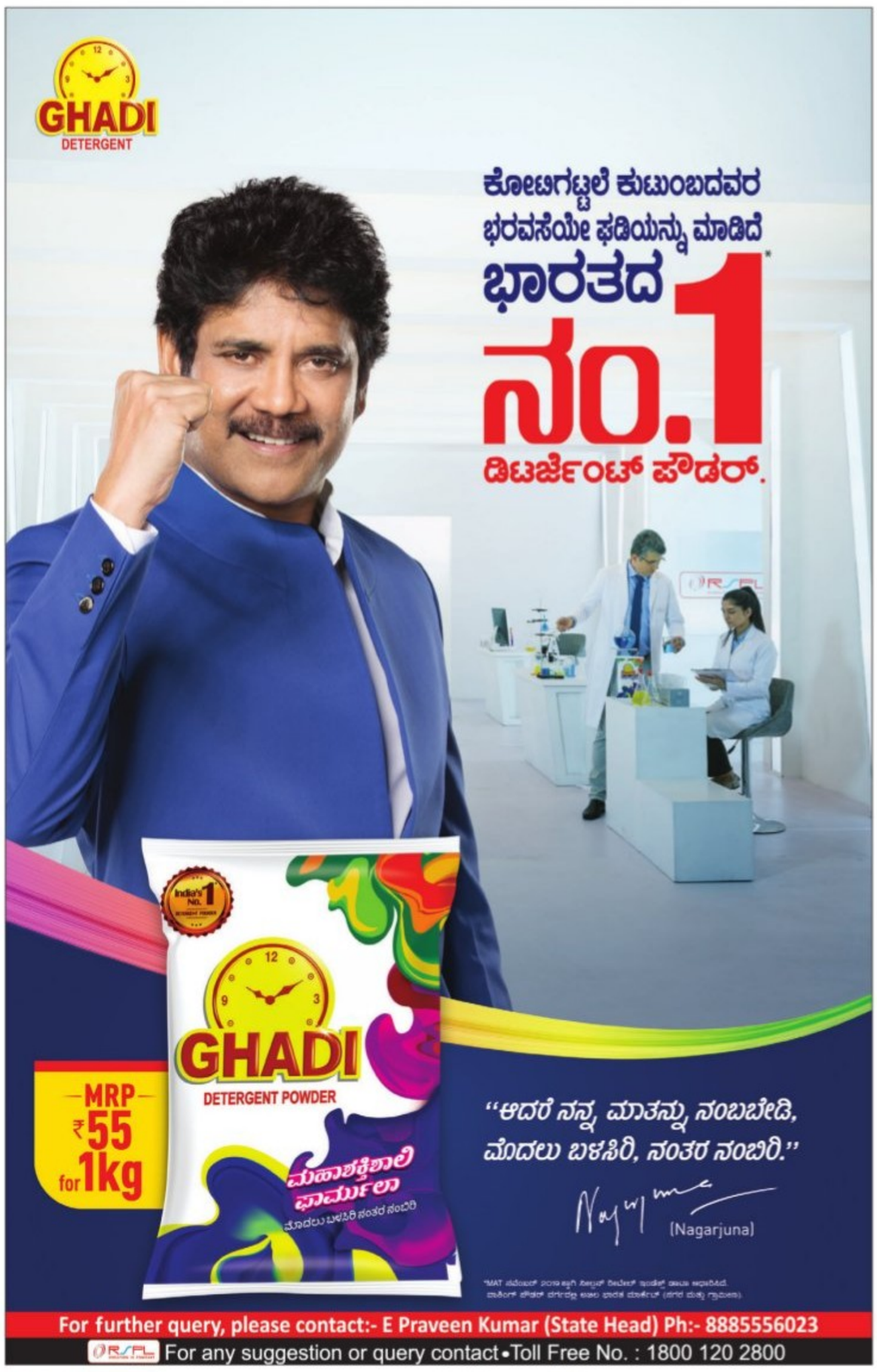
EVEN as the first phase of troop disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has been smooth, Chinese troops are yet to pull out from the Depsang bulge. This is likely to be taken up in the meeting between Corps Commanders of India and China this week.

"Lt Gen Harinder Singh and Maj Gen Lin Liu will meet this week to discuss and decide on the standoff at Y-junction, Depsang Bulge," a source said.

In Depsang, the Chinese have moved their troops and equipment up to the Y-Junction.

"The Chinese sitting at this point is affecting our patrolling at 5 points as the Y-Junction is out of the way to Patrols and it is here that the routes fork into two routes, which have Patrolling Point (PP) 10, PP-11, PP-11A, PP-12 and PP-13 between them," said a senior Army officer who had served in the area, which is 30 km south-east from the important Daulat Beg Oldi advanced landing ground, the world's highest landing ground.

The two Corps Commanders have already met thrice to resolve the standoff. The Chinese have not been clear on Finger-4, too. "The troops from both sides have disengaged from the exact location of Finger-4 but the Chinese troops continue to hold the ridge around," said another senior Army officer.



AISHWARYA

TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Abhishek Bachchan's daughter Aaradhya too infected, but Jaya tests negative | P7

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

FIGURES THAT MATTER

5,34,620 Total recoveries from Covid-19 in India so far

2,92,258 Active cases at present

2,42,362 More recovered cases than active cases

19,235 People recovered in the last 24 hours

62.93% National recovery rate

2,80,151 Samples tested during the last 24 hours

1,15,87,153 Total count of samples tested in India

8,396.4 Number of testing per million population

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IDEAS ON TRACK

CCTVs, natural water coolers on trains soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Railway Board has decided to implement 20 ideas given by its employees to ensure safer train journeys and enhance passenger comfort.

Some of the suggestions include a warning bell for travellers at stations before the train departs, real-time CCTV monitoring and printing of unreserved tickets through mobile phones.

The national transporter, in 2018, had launched a dedicated portal to record innovative ideas of its employees across all zones and implement them across the railway network. According to officials, the portal received over 2,000 entries from September 2018 and December 2019.

The railways, through its July 10 order, has decided to implement 20 such ideas. Some of the technical suggestions that are to be implemented include a vehicular system for ultrasonic flaw detection developed by the North Central Railway, using pyrometers to monitor temperature of tracks developed by the Malda division.

Among the suggestions to improve passenger comfort are natural water coolers that need no electricity and have a life of 10 years. These coolers have already been installed at Borivali, Dahanu Road, Nandurbar, Udhana and Bandra railway stations.

Real-time CCTV footage monitoring is also one of the suggestions. Currently, Humsafar trains have CCTVs installed in them but the footage is not monitored in real time.

Northern Central Railway has devised a method to monitor it real-time with a display unit being provided in the guard's compartment.

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Monday** 13/07/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma
• **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Ashtami 4.17 pm • **Nakshatra:** Revathi 10.29 am
• Moon in Mesha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Showers early. Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 6.00 am
Sunset 6.50 pm
Moonrise 9.00 am
Moonset 12.36 pm

LOCKDOWN TRAVEL

SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, TRAINS TO RUN AS USUAL

State government expected to come out with comprehensive guidelines today

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE lockdown re-imposed in Bengaluru without detailed guidelines has caught many potential air and rail travellers off-guard. Airlines were bombarded by passengers demanding to know if they can travel or have to opt for cancellation.

A reliable source said that there will be no problem in the case of pre-booked tickets as flights will be permitted to operate undisturbed.

The State is expected to come out with exhaustive guidelines on Monday. "Flights and trains planned for operation will continue to run undisturbed. However, people may need to make arrangements on their own to reach the airport or railway station. If passengers manage to get a cab, they will be allowed to run with the passenger's ticket considered as an e-pass for the cab driver," the source added.

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> Source

Pawan Bali had tweeted to the airport: "As Bangalore has announced lockdown from 14th July will the flights be functional as I have one booked on 15th from Bangalore to Delhi." Flyer Purushothamam asked IndiGo: "I have confirmed tickets from Chennai to Bangalore on 15th. Due to complete lockdown in Blr will these flights fly. Please clarify." Another flyer Ponnappa P tweeted to Lufthansa, "I am booked on repat flight LH755 (Blr to France) on July 22. Does the Bangalore City lockdown (July 14 to 22) impact this flight in any way?

Lufthansa responded: "The flight is scheduled as planned for now. We do not have further information. Please keep an eye out for updates via our website." Similar responses were given by many airlines.

The call centre number of the Indian Railways too received many queries from worried passengers. The absence of any physical cancellation at any PRS centre barring KRS rly station (till 2 pm) added to their woes as they could not go in for enquiries.

A N Krishna Reddy, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, said, "We are waiting for the State government to release clear guidelines on Monday. As of now, the inter-State trains have good response but not the intra-state ones. "

There are five pairs of special trains operating to and from Bengaluru to other States: Yesvantpur-Howrah (5 days a week), KSR Bengaluru City to Danapur in Bihar (daily), Yesvantpur to Hazrat Nizammudin (bi-weekly), Rajdhani Special from KSR to New Delhi (daily) and Udyan Express from KSR to Mumbai (aily) . In addition, intra-state special trains run daily from KSR to Mysuru and Belagavi and the Jan Shatabdi train to Hubballi.

THE SUNDAY SILENCE

Clockwise from top: A flyover completely cordoned off in Bellandur. Barricades are back on flyovers soon after the Sunday lockdown came into force; a lone man walks through a deserted Kempegowda Bus Station in Bengaluru on Sunday; a Bengaluru City policeman chases and brandishes his lathi at a youth for roaming on the streets of KR Market during curfew hours – 8 pm on Saturdays till 5 am on Mondays. The city police had earlier warned that Sunday lockdown violators will be booked under the NDMA Act. The state government has also announced a week-long lockdown from July 14 after there was a constant increase in the number of Covid-19 cases from Karnataka | PANDARINATH B, MEGHANA SASTRY

SSLC evaluation to begin today, put off in two sealed districts

ENS @Bengaluru

EVALUATION of SSLC answer scripts are set to begin from July 13, and as per department sources, the lockdown will hinder evaluations in only two districts — Benglauru Urban and Bengaluru Rural.

The dates for the evaluation during the lockdown will be decided in the upcoming days, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar clarified on Sunday. Meanwhile, Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) said the board has appointed a 71,154 evaluators and set up 109 additional computer units for uploading marks.

At least 200 metres surrounding the evaluation centres will be cordoned off and every centre will be sanitised before and after the evaluation. Evaluators and supervisors have been directed to maintain a minimum distance. "Teachers will undergo checkups at the entry. If found unwell, the supervisor will have to relieve the teacher from evaluation duty for the day," a KSEEB official said.

Meanwhile, the Teachers' and Management Forum will protest in front of the evaluation centre in Ramanagara, on Monday. They said the state government has neither announced a health insurance nor an economic package for teachers.

Forest dept recovers grabbed land in jumbo corridor

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

MOVING swiftly to protect the deemed forest lands in Survey No. 69, which falls in the notified Ragihalli Elephant Corridor, the forest department on Saturday recovered land encroached by unscrupulous elements. These deemed forest lands fall in an area where elephants move freely and are part of the newly declared ESZ of the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP).

On July 10, TNIE had reported "Encroachment rampant in Ragihalli Elephant Corridor, say activists", highlighting how some people were grabbing and destroying the deemed forest lands adjoining the Harohalli Range of BNP. According to Bannerghatta Nature Conservation Trust, Survey No. 69 encompasses a rich forest-like habitat and has become an eyesore for many unscrupulous elements and land grabbers. On Thursday, the area near Guddianadoddi, adjacent to the elephant corridor, was cleared of vegetation by some land grabbers even as forest officials were immediately alerted.

Of 1,000.26 acres in Survey No. 69, about 380 acres have been declared as deemed forest land. However, efforts to encroach it continues unabated. Speaking to TNIE, Krishna, Range Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Anekal, said, "An area of 380 acres was granted to the forest department in 2018 and an affidavit was filed in the Supreme Court regarding this. Some formality of entry only remains. It is a deemed forest land. However, some people have been trying to grab this land which is rich in natural vegetation. Some five acres were grabbed, spoiled and cleared of trees. We have cleared them now but they are prepared to do it again. This deemed forest land is about 18km (aerial distance) from BBMP limits and therefore, cannot be granted to anybody."

Range forest officials of Social Forestry division, Anekal, recover encroached forest land in Ragihalli Elephant Corridor

He said that this is an area which sees frequent elephant movement and any land that is cleared of vegetation in this corridor becomes a big problem. "Their natural way is blocked resulting in conflict. The movement of elephants has to be smoother so wherever vacant lands are available with the revenue department, they are being identified, marked for handing over to the forest department."

After the recovery of the encroached land, a range of tree species (saplings about 3-5 feet in height) native to the Bannerghatta region was planted by the social forestry staff in a bid to regain its lost greenery.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13th July: Monday is the Moon's day. Traditionally it's a moment to stop and consider home affairs and family matters. If you want to dress in lunar colours then white is top of the list, and if you fancy a lunar meal then watery food suits, such as soups and soft fruit. According to tradition that's the way to stay in harmony with the cosmos.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you manage to sort out all financial duties and complications today, you will give yourself a much easier ride over the rest of the week. Romantically, this could be a significant moment, with secrets coming into the open over the next few days.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon's occupation of important regions of your chart is a symbolic indication that you hold the centre stage, and can therefore afford to dictate the pace. It's very much a favourable time for romantic Taureans, so let your imagination roam free.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are famous for your reliance on the facts, but there are times when even your legendary objectivity slips. You may do better to concentrate on creating a good impression in subtle and intuitive ways. If there is anything which you can do to ease a loved one's burdens, please do so as soon as you can.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Strong social stars today reveal that even if you're at work you will have to pay great attention to partners' needs and desires. But if you're preoccupied with matters of a more personal nature then you may consider cancelling one particular engagement. Don't be hasty.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Finances are obviously a major bone of contention, but probably because you know how well you could do if only you had the chance. The best advice now is to dream on and hope that your intuitions come up with the answer. Check your fantasies against the facts, though.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's not the facts and figures that are important, but the message behind them. You should therefore do every thing you can to avoid being taken in by appearances. You might take all financial offers with a healthy pinch of salt, if only because other people don't seem to have your grip on reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Crucial planets are now aligned with the very foundations of your solar chart. You probably still feel that you're being under-cut, almost as if everything you have always relied on is being steadily eroded. Don't worry about it, for a very healthy change is under way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may have every reason to believe that you have been wronged, and now that misunderstandings seem to be present on a potentially grand scale, your suspicions may be confirmed. Or so you imagine! Always bear in mind that the truth may be the very reverse of what you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
If today is about anything, it's about trust. You may allow loved ones or close associates all the freedom of manoeuvre they need to succeed or fail. Even though they may be slightly muddled, in the final analysis they have to take responsibility for their own ideas and actions. And all you can do is offer constructive advice and support.

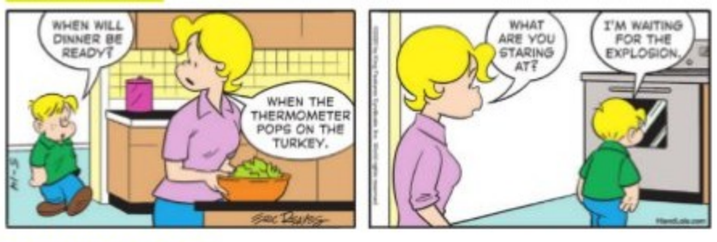
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
If you are now confronted with obstacles or challenges at home, don't hold back or, worse still, decide to give up altogether. Even quite small developments may seem like a mighty step into the unknown, so it's important that you boost your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
What you have experienced recently may make you wonder if a complete break or separation is necessary. On the other hand, you may feel that, at a time when there is so much to play for, you shouldn't be too hasty. The same old thoughts are likely to be wandering around your mind for some time yet!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You should make every effort to explain yourself, even if you think there is no more to say. Don't be afraid to ask silly questions, or go over plans and proposals which have already been confirmed. It's all a matter of sorting out the practical questions which underpin your personal hopes.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS



BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

ARE YOU STILL TAKING PIANO LESSONS, ELMO?
YEAH, BUT I DON'T PRACTICE MUCH BETWEEN LESSONS, MR. B.
DOES PRACTICING THE PIANO BORE YOU?
WELL, SURE, BUT THAT ISN'T THE PROBLEM
MY PARENTS MOVED THE PIANO TO THE BACKYARD

LOCKHORNS

"YOUR TIRES ARE WEARING THIN . . . THAT FLAT CAME FROM A BEE STING."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF YOU HAVE A BLUE TOOTH... YOU SHOULD PROBLY GO TO THE DENTIST!"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

			4	9			3	
3					7	1		
	8			5				
8			1		9	5		2
6				4				7
7		9	2		6			3
				1			7	
		7	8					9
	9			3	5			

MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

7	8	1	9	6	4	5	2	3
5	9	4	8	2	3	6	7	1
2	3	6	1	5	7	4	9	8
1	4	7	2	3	5	8	6	9
9	2	3	6	4	8	7	1	5
8	6	5	7	9	1	3	4	2
3	5	9	4	7	2	1	8	6
6	7	8	5	1	9	2	3	4
4	1	2	3	8	6	9	5	7

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EELIX

SEYMS

RATEYB

ECCLKA

All-in, this is within your budget.
Not a penny more? I don't want any hidden... charges.
THEY SOLD KETCHES, SLOOPS AND CUTTERS. THE TOTAL COST OF EACH BOAT INCLUDED ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HIPPO BLISS PEANUT GLOOMY
Answer: The seabird's new business near the Golden Gate Bridge was a — "BAY-GULL" SHOP

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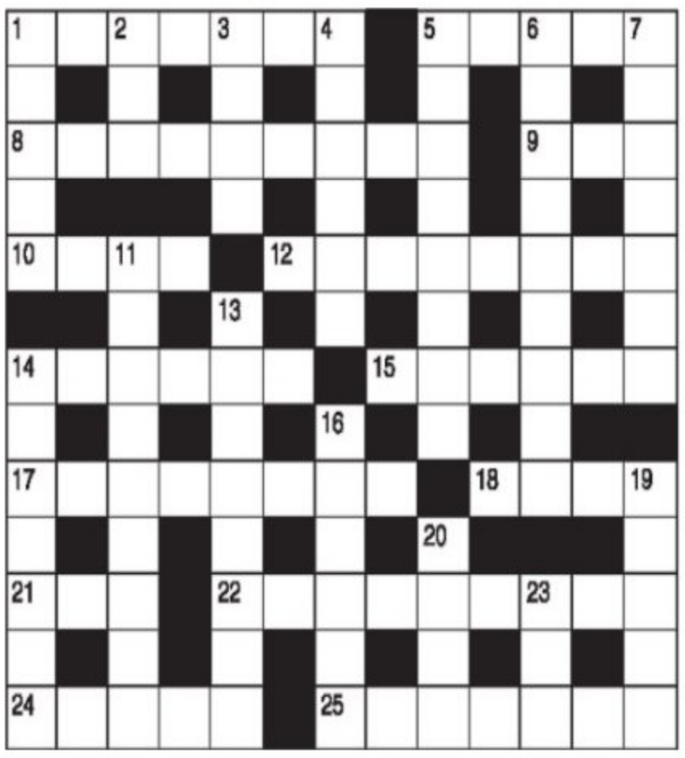
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Satisfying get-together (7)
5 Taxi holds the French associate of Joshua (5)
8 Clothing range with buckles (9)
9 Incline to agree (3)
10 Error the potter has to cover (4)
12 A European turns in before seeing the animal (8)
14 One gets a bit attached to it (6)
15 Edible seed for vegetable and fruit (6)
17 Sort of drawing produced by an unoccupied worker? (8)
18 Supply of food naturally cut off (4)
21 She cut the first man short (3)
22 Skeleton service? (4,5)
24 Eight people who work and play together (5)
25 Auntie's sort of curvaceous (7)

DOWN

1 Corrects the final part in a written work (5)
2 This head is bright (3)
3 There is very little in the letter (4)
4 They're for putting on vegetables (6)
5 Rounded up but not rounded off (8)
6 He has earthly possessions (9)
7 It's no good by all accounts (3,4)
11 Traveller in nitrate gets new order (9)
13 A collection of letters (8)
14 Bill-topping name in Wild West show (7)
16 Fruit with the top off is still fruit (6)
19 Tree level (5)
20 Picture held firm in frame (4)
23 She can provide a form of aid (3

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Benedict, 5 Tsar, 9 Notes, 10 Time off, 11 Cornerstones, 13 Ladies, 14 Option, 17 Unfair choice, 20 Offbeat, 21 Exits, 22 Yo-yo, 23 Meatless.

Down: 1 Bank, 2 Net cord, 3 Disinherited, 4 Caters, 6 Spoon, 7 Refusing, 8 Empty protest, 12 Illusory, 15 Incline, 16 Scythe, 18 Fifty, 19 Isis.

"People have caused extensive damage to the environment, which is causing acute pollution. The corrective action for this is to plant a large number of trees

Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamy, Bhovi Gurupeet Seer

Ravi becomes first minister to test positive

Says he is asymptomatic and is currently quarantined at his C'magaluru farmhouse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S tourism minister CT Ravi, who tested positive for Covid on Saturday, took another test on Sunday morning just to be sure of the diagnosis. Ravi became the first Karnataka minister to test positive for the virus. While the minister tested negative earlier last week, his samples tested positive in a second swab test conducted on Friday evening.

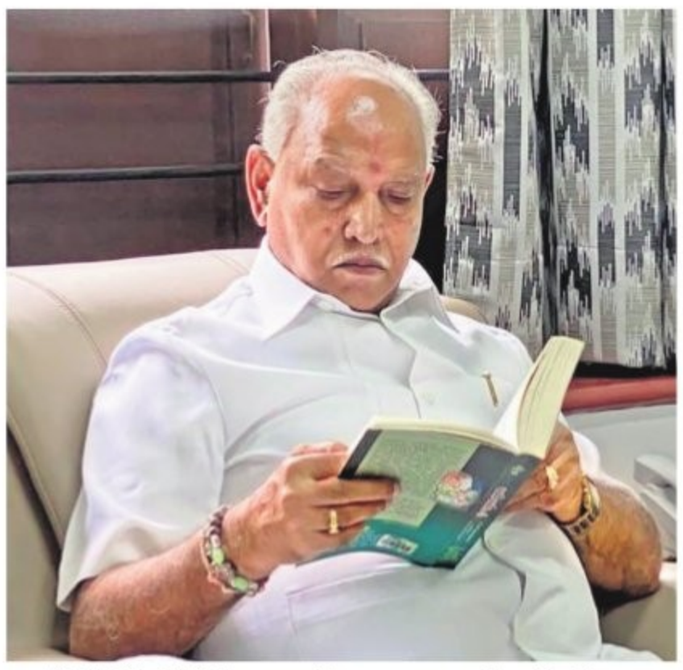
I am doing well. There are no corona symptoms. I am in home quarantine and am currently walking in my farmhouse

The tourism minister took to Twitter to confirm the result. He stated that he is asymptomatic and is in home quarantine. "I am doing well. There are no corona symptoms. I am in home quarantine and am currently walking in my farmhouse," CT Ravi tweeted on Saturday evening.

The minister is currently in his hometown, Chikkamagaluru.

In his attempt to reiterate that he is doing well, Ravi tweeted again on Sunday about his yoga routine. "Within a span of one week, one test has come out negative and one has come out positive. Hence, I have given samples for a test today as well. Awaiting the third umpire's decision," CT Ravi tweeted on Sunday. Till about 11 PM on Sunday evening, the minister waited for the results from the third test.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is already under home quarantine after three personnel from his official residence tested positive for the virus. Karnataka Education Minister K Sudhakar's wife and daughter also tested positive, while he and his two sons tested negative. So far, some five Congress MLAs have tested positive.



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa catches up on some reading while in home quarantine after three from his official residence tested positive | EXPRESS

Books are CM's pick during home quarantine

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who has chosen to remain in home quarantine, tweeted a photo of himself taking a break and catching up on some reading. "Reading is my favourite hobby during my leisure time. There are hundreds of things to learn about various topics. Acquiring knowledge is a never-ending process. During today's Sunday lockdown and my self-quarantine, I am spending some spare time reading Khandekar's Yayati," Yediyurappa tweeted.

The CM was reading a translated work based on a mythological character from 'Mahabharata' written originally in Marathi by V S Khandekar.

Hasten Covid test results: HDK

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FORMER Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy said the results of Covid tests should be made available on the same day the swab is taken, or the next day, and slammed the state government for the inordinate delay in giving test results. He said if reports are delayed, those who have contracted the virus will end up spreading it to those around them.

Kumaraswamy also called for the lockdown of Ramanagara district, located on Bengaluru's western periphery, because of the spike in Covid cases there. The JDS leader, who interacted with Revenue Minister R Ashoka and district officers of Ramanagara, said that while Bengaluru Rural was locked down, Ramanagara had been left out, though the district is closer to the city. It runs a greater risk of contagion because of larger numbers, he added.

Claiming that the common man also wants a lockdown, he said, "I had requested the government to go in for a lockdown about 15 days ago. Some restrictions, like inter-district travel, should be mandatorily brought in to control the spread of the virus."

He said the number of beds available for Covid patients should be increased in hospitals.

Criticising the State government for giving Rs 200 crore to the Tirupathi authorities to put up infrastructure, he said it could have been spent on combating the coronavirus.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Compol reaches out with poetry

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner did it poetically. Hoping to influence the masses, he put out a tweet, 'Gulzar ek purani nazm' and went on to quote the verse by the acclaimed lyricist: "Bewajha ghar se nikalneki zarurat kya hai, Maut se aankhen milane ki zarurat kya hai, sabko maloom hai bahar ki hawa qatil hai, Yun hi qatil se ulajhne ki jarurat kya hai, Ek naimat hai zindagi use sambal ke rakh, Qabrastan ko sajane ki zarurat kya hai, Dil ke behlane ko ghar mein hi wajha kafi hai, Yunhi galiyon mein bhatakne ki zarurat kya hai." The poetry fits the 'stay home, stay safe' rule of these pandemic times. Wah Commissioner saheb, wah! We can only hope that his followers follow his advice...

Netas preach, but fail to practice

Last week, the CM's political secretary and Yelahanka MLA S R Vishwanath visited Nelamangala and Dasanapura on the outskirts of the city with a small army of officials. Vishwanath 'inaugurated' an event -- a Covid awareness drive -- and went house-to-house with the campaign, titled 'Mane manege arogya samikshe'. Vishwanath was at great pains to explain "how to keep my family and my booth free from the virus". As officials scrambled around Vishwanath, one observer raised a pertinent question: why can't these politicians ignore the itch to be in the limelight and keep themselves away from these campaigns? Where is the scope for social distancing with this exercise, they asked. And we ask: Is it election time, or does Vishwanath think that areas are divided into 'booths', and not layouts?

HC defers filing of fresh cases from July 15, will hear urgent matters till restrictions stay

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WITH the lockdown in Bengaluru affecting the attendance of staff, the Karnataka High Court said that appointments for filing of fresh cases will not be given from July 15, 2020, till the restrictions are lifted.

The Registrar appealed to members of the Bar not to apply for listing of cases unless it is a matter of exceptional urgency and cannot wait until the lockdown is withdrawn.

According to the notice issued on Sunday by Rajendra Badamikar, Registrar General of the High Court, appointments will be given only for filing of caveats and miscellaneous documents in respect of cases which are already permitted to be listed.

Appointments already given for filing of new cases from July 15 will not be disturbed, and will be given for payment of process fees and court fees. Till the lockdown is over, matters listed for physical hearing/video conferencing from July 15 will be deferred. E-filing facility, as provided in the SOP, will continue, with a modification that only exceptionally urgent matters will be permitted to be filed.

IN THE HC

"Notwithstanding the fact that very few staff members will be able to visit the high court from July 15, 2020, till the lockdown is over, efforts will be made to list all cases for video conferencing for which dates have been fixed... but sitting of a few judges may be cancelled," the Registrar said.

These directions are applicable only to the principal bench of the high court in Bengaluru, while the Dharwad and Kalaburagi benches will continue work as notified on July 10, 2020.

No hearing in dist, trial courts

Physical hearing of cases in all district and trial courts in Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts will be discontinued from July 15 till the lockdown is withdrawn.

EXPRESS READ

Salesman loses balance, dies in road accident

Bengaluru: A 26-year-old salesman died in an road accident in Rajajinagar on Sunday. The deceased has been identified Sundar Raj, a resident of Kurubarahalli, who was working in a private garment company. A senior police officer said that around 1.30 pm, he was going to Peenya and was driving rashly due to almost empty roads. He lost balance and hit a road median. He had severe head injuries and was declared brought dead in the hospital. ENS

CRIME PATROL

Search continues for third day, no sign of the drowned girl yet

Bengaluru : NDRF team along with fire personnel are still searching for the six-year-old girl, who was washed away in an open drain in Marathahalli on Friday. Meanwhile, the police is yet to interrogate the land owner Ravi Kumar, who is accused of allowing slum dwellers stay in the locality illegally. Speaking to The New Indian Express, a senior police officer said that the search operation was carried on Sunday as well but the girl was not found. They further added that they will continue the search for the next two days and then decide the next step. So far, they have covered about five kilometer in search of the girl. "Since we are in the middle of a pandemic, we are yet to interrogate the land owner over the illegally built shed for slum dwellers. Based on a complaint by BBMP officials, further investigations will be done once the girl is traced," the police informed. ENS

Woman's search for NRI husband costs her Rs 7L

MG CHETAN @ Bengaluru

A 27-year-old's search for an NRI husband cost her Rs 7.23 lakh.

Mythri (name changed), a resident of Varthur, approached the police seeking action against the accused. In her complaint, she stated that she was looking for a suitable match on a matrimonial website. She found a match in Ashish M, who claimed to be a resident of The Netherlands.

"Meanwhile, a woman called me and claimed that she is Monika Manish, Ashish's mother. She said she was working as a nurse in a hospital. She also said that she will fly out to India with her son to discuss the wedding and meet the family," Mythri alleged in the complaint.

"On the day of their arrival, I received a call from someone who introduced himself as an official from the Customs Department. He informed me that both Ashish and Monika were arrested and asked me to transfer some money. In five transactions, I transferred a total of Rs 7,23,600," she said adding that even after the transfers were made, both Ashish and his mother stopped picking up the phone.

Police said that the woman got in contact with Ashish in December 2019 and the alleged cheating took place in January. "The woman filed the complaint after all her efforts to contact Ashish went in vain. Its clear that Ashish has approached the woman with an intent to cheat her and has cooked up the arrest story. We have taken up a case based on her complaint," the police added.

Ex-minister does his bit for Covid warriors

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Tumakuru

FORMER minister Sogadu Shivanna recently did his bit to appreciate Covid warriors by turning his three-storey hotel into a guesthouse for those fighting on the frontline of the pandemic. The hotel, with 33 rooms, is ready for the warriors to occupy, and four doctors have been staying there for the last two weeks.

"The facility is close to the designated Covid hospital where we have been working round-the-clock," said Dr Chandrashekar, an anesthetist. He goes home every alternate day to check on his family before returning to the hospital.

Some doctors, who have relatives with co-morbidities, aged parents or young children, have been staying away from their homes, and this facility has come as a boon to them.

The four-time MLA had earlier written to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, offering to convert the space into a quarantine centre.

Shivanna's son Siddalinga Swamy, who manages the hotel, said it was a decision taken by the entire family.

"We are not worried about any stigma attached in housing these Covid warriors, nor are we expecting any payment for the services offered," he said.

The facility is close to the designated Covid hospital where we have been working round-the-clock

Dr Chandrashekar, anesthetist

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TRACKING COVID-19

A total of 30 inmates lodged at Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday. While 29 male inmates have been shifted to Haj Bhavan, the lone woman prisoner has been shifted elsewhere.

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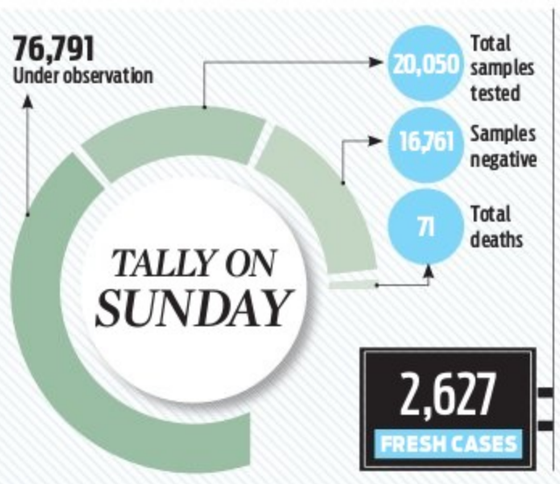

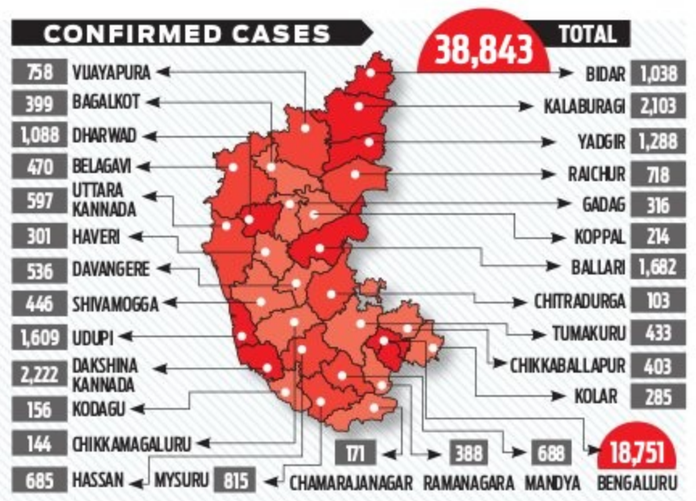

Situation grave as mortuaries begin to fill up

Covid deaths on the rise in the last few days; Procedure of handing over bodies takes long, puts pressure on hospitals

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MORTUARIES in hospitals across Bengaluru are slowly filling up as deaths of Covid-19 patients, Covid suspected cases and non-Covid ones are rising. As per protocol, a body is handed over to the BBMP when it is a Covid-related death.

The challenge, however, is that the family of the deceased is usually under quarantine and it takes a hospital several hours to find concerned BBMP ward officials from the residential area of the deceased to hand over the body.

"We lose time trying to find out who the concerned BBMP ward official is, despite having a list of officers with us. We then have to get in touch with the relatives. There is no single BBMP number that we can call. The process needs to be streamlined as it now takes 5-6 hours to trace the concerned officer," said Dr Varghese, professor and head of Forensic Medicine Department, St. John's Medical College.

In one case, the address given to the hospital by the family was Mahadevapura, but multiple calls later, it was found that the actual address was Anekal. If a body is being handed over to the BBMP, a family member has to sign at the hospital, and also identify the body.

While there are 12 free chambers out of 20 at this college, last week the number of deceased reached 16-18, leading to a shortage of space.

"They should authorise NGOs to help the family take the body and the BBMP too should allow family members to claim the body. Also, a BBMP official should be posted at the crematorium to see if the protocol is followed," he said.

Bengaluru has a shortage of cold storage spaces and with the increasing number of Covid fatalities, more space needs to be created. Also, if a death occurs late evening, the hospital has to keep the body till the next day as crematoriums close by 5.30-6 pm.

"In some cases, patients come with breathing difficulties, collapse and pass away within 10-15 minutes. These suspect cases have to be kept in the mortuary, swab taken and body preserved in cold storage till the Covid results come in, which takes a day or two," said Dr Girish Chandra, professor, Forensic Medicine, M S Ramaiah Medical College.

Last week, the mortuary at this hospital was full. Apart from Covid or suspected cases, the space also has to be made available for medico-legal cases, deaths by suicide, road accidents and non-Covid deaths.

"There is a need for more ambulances and hearse vans. If deaths increase, there will be a shortage of cold storage facilities. Crematoriums will have to be kept open for longer hours," Dr Chandra said.

A health department rule passed on June 25 has made the process little easier, he added. It states that bodies of suspected Covid cases can be handed over to relatives immediately after swab collection and need not wait for test results. The body has to be disposed of as per Covid guidelines. If a test returns positive then the required action of contact tracing should be carried out.

"If more Covid deaths occur then it will be a problem for mortuaries. The BBMP is taking time to check bodies and we need to figure out how to hasten the process," said a doctor from Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, under condition of anonymity.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar was unreachable for comment.

PPEs dumped at a crematorium in Shivamogga | EXPRESS

No separate site to dispose of Covid dead

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

AMID opposition to burial and cremation of Covid dead, the district administration has decided not to identify a separate site for disposing of these bodies. Authorities said the SOP will be followed at existing burial grounds and crematoriums.

The district has been witnessing an increase in the number of cases in the past few days. As on July 12, it recorded 42 positive cases, taking the tally to 446. Seven people have died, and of them, last rites of five were performed in the city. But authorities had to face challenges.

On July 8, residents opposed cremating the body of a 60-year-old at the crematorium which is owned by the corporation but managed by Rotary Club. The residents of Rajiv Gandhi Badavane opposed the cremation citing health issues even though corporation officials claimed that all measures were in place. Ward 14 Congress corporator Yamuna Rangegouda has urged the district administration to perform the victims' last rites on the outskirts of the city.

Meanwhile, on Friday, when corporation staff brought the body of a 62-year-old to the crematorium, and locals staged a protest. Later, the body was cremated in the wee hours of Saturday after the police had to resort to lathicharge to disperse the protesters.

Asked if the administration was planning to identify a separate land for disposing of bodies, Deputy Commissioner K B Sivakumar ruled out any such possibility.

"Burial or cremation of Covid victims' bodies on a separate land will lead to discrimination and create social stigma. Hence, we are not going to identify such a land till the government asks us for it," the DC said.

Corporation Commissioner Chidanand Vatare said, "The bodies are buried or cremated as per the wish of the kin of the deceased. However, the kin are not allowed to touch the bodies. Safety is being ensured in the process."

CORONA WATCH

Russian varsity completes clinical trials of vaccine

It could be the first vaccine against Covid-19 in the world. The clinical trials of the vaccine, produced by Russia's Gamalei Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, have been successfully conducted by the Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University. Vadim Tarasov, director of the Institute for Translational Medicine and Biotechnology, said that the first group of volunteers would be discharged on Wednesday and the second on July 20. The trials began on June 18. "The safety of the vaccine is confirmed," said Alexander Lukashev, the director of the Institute of Medical Parasitology, Tropical and Vector-Borne Diseases at Sechenov University, while talking to Sputnik.

OPD at BIMS sealed as doc contracts virus

Belagavi: The OPD ward of Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS) has been sealed from Saturday as a doctor has tested positive for Covid-19. Since the Covid ward and the OPD are in the same building, doctors are afraid of treating non-Covid patients. Now, authorities want to relocate the OPD ward for the convenience of other patients. A junior doctor had also tested positive on Friday. Deputy Commissioner MG Hiremath visited BIMS for inspection. seeing general patients getting treated in the OPD facing issues, he asked the BIMS director and health officer to relocate the OPD ward to another building. ENS

16-day-old girl dies, toll goes up to 71

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A 16-day-old baby girl suffering from Covid-19 died at her residence on July 1, the health bulletin stated on Sunday. She suffered from fever, cough and SARI.

However, the June 27 bulletin reported her case with patient ID 11884 admitted at a designated hospital in Bengaluru. Explaining this, Dr Trilok Chandra, who heads the Covid-19 Critical Care Support Committee, said, "She was delivered on June 15 and visited the hospital on June 20 due to abdominal distension, during which her swab was taken. The result turned positive on June 26 when she was at home. On the way to the hospital on July 1, she died."

She was one among the 71 corona deaths across the state. Of which, 45 were from Bengaluru alone, taking the state toll to 684.

The day's number of corona positives stood at 2,627, taking the tally to 38,843 cases. Of these, 1,525 cases were from Bengaluru Urban, and again, travel and contact history of patients was not mentioned.

Dakshina Kannada followed Bengaluru with 196 new patients, Dharwad had 129 cases, Yadagir 120 and Kalaburagi 79.

The number of discharges stood at 693, taking the total to 15,409 cases, leaving active cases at 22,746 cases.

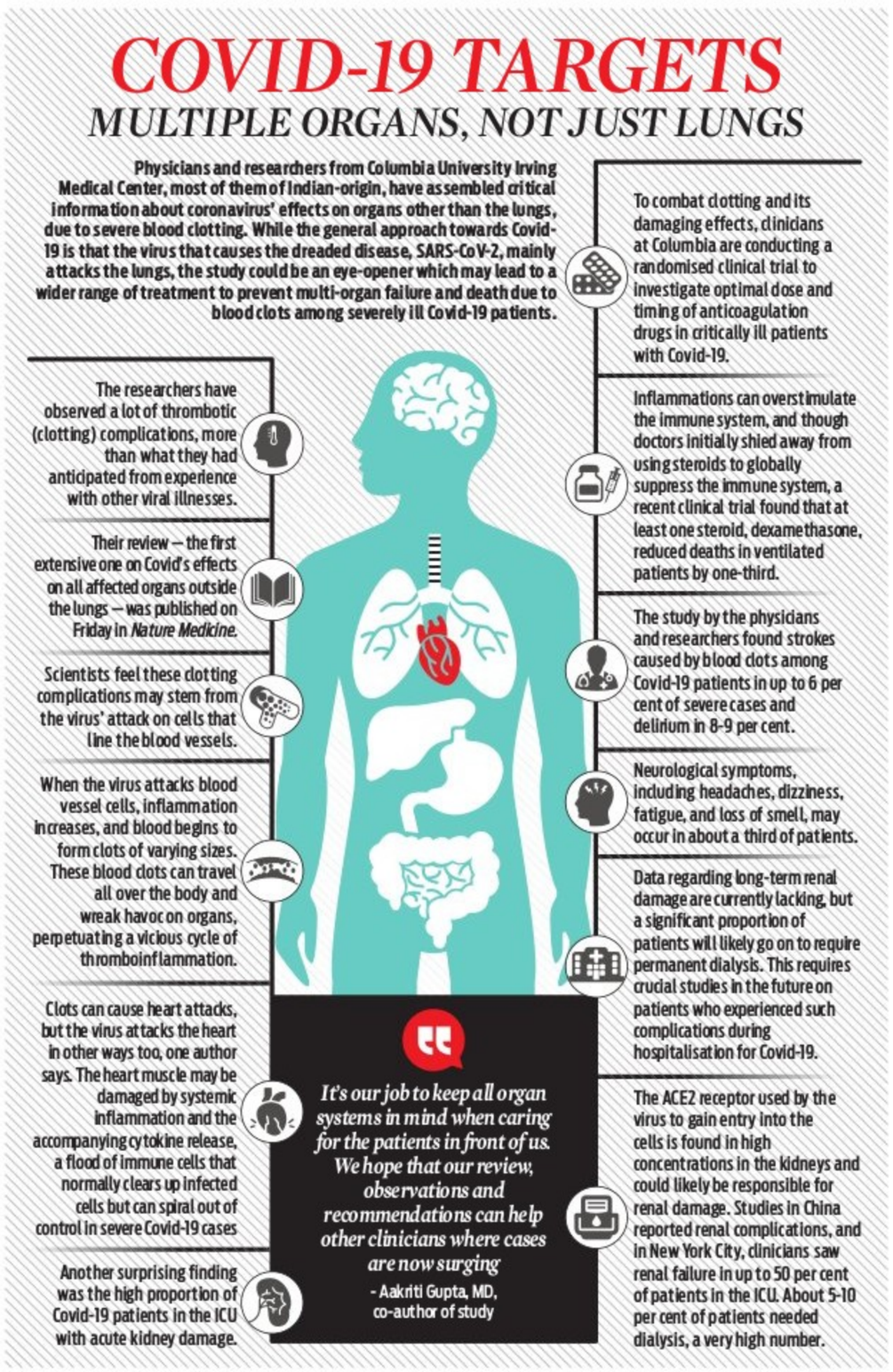
Cases may double in 15-30 days: Sriramulu

Health Minister B Sriramulu has warned that the number of Covid-19 cases in the state may double in the next 15-30 days. In a series of tweets late on Saturday night, he said that the next two months would be a big challenge for the government in tackling the pandemic, but there is no need to panic.

"The government is taking all measure. People should follow Covid-19 related regulations to stay safe," he said. The minister's statements came hours after the government announced a week-long lockdown in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts due to the spike in cases.

JDS leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy supported the complete lockdown.

A health worker rides wearing a PPE near an empty Hudson Circle in Bengaluru, which was under lockdown on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL


COVID-19 TARGETS
MULTIPLE ORGANS, NOT JUST LUNGS
Physicians and researchers from Columbia University Irving Medical Center, most of them of Indian-origin, have assembled critical information about coronavirus' effects on organs other than the lungs, due to severe blood clotting. While the general approach towards Covid-19 is that the virus that causes the dreaded disease, SARS-CoV-2, mainly attacks the lungs, the study could be an eye-opener which may lead to a wider range of treatment to prevent multi-organ failure and death due to blood clots among severely ill Covid-19 patients.
The researchers have observed a lot of thrombotic (clotting) complications, more than what they had anticipated from experience with other viral illnesses.
Their review — the first extensive one on Covid's effects on all affected organs outside the lungs — was published on Friday in Nature Medicine.
Scientists feel these clotting complications may stem from the virus' attack on cells that line the blood vessels.
When the virus attacks blood vessel cells, inflammation increases, and blood begins to form clots of varying sizes. These blood clots can travel all over the body and wreak havoc on organs, perpetuating a vicious cycle of thromboinflammation.
Clots can cause heart attacks, but the virus attacks the heart in other ways too, one author says. The heart muscle may be damaged by systemic inflammation and the accompanying cytokine release, a flood of immune cells that normally clears up infected cells but can spiral out of control in severe Covid-19 cases
Another surprising finding was the high proportion of Covid-19 patients in the ICU with acute kidney damage.
To combat clotting and its damaging effects, clinicians at Columbia are conducting a randomised clinical trial to investigate optimal dose and timing of anticoagulation drugs in critically ill patients with Covid-19.
Inflammations can overstimulate the immune system, and though doctors initially shied away from using steroids to globally suppress the immune system, a recent clinical trial found that at least one steroid, dexamethasone, reduced deaths in ventilated patients by one-third.
The study by the physicians and researchers found strokes caused by blood clots among Covid-19 patients in up to 6 per cent of severe cases and delirium in 8-9 per cent.
Neurological symptoms, including headaches, dizziness, fatigue, and loss of smell, may occur in about a third of patients.
Data regarding long-term renal damage are currently lacking, but a significant proportion of patients will likely go on to require permanent dialysis. This requires crucial studies in the future on patients who experienced such complications during hospitalisation for Covid-19.
The ACE2 receptor used by the virus to gain entry into the cells is found in high concentrations in the kidneys and could likely be responsible for renal damage. Studies in China reported renal complications, and in New York City, clinicians saw renal failure in up to 50 per cent of patients in the ICU. About 5-10 per cent of patients needed dialysis, a very high number.
It's our job to keep all organ systems in mind when caring for the patients in front of us. We hope that our review, observations and recommendations can help other clinicians where cases are now surging
- Aakriti Gupta, MD, co-author of study

Volunteers lose time tracing right address; Patients fear privacy breach

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ANOTHER volunteer from SK Garden said, "On three occasions, I have gone to the wrong addresses checking for home-quarantined individuals. Volunteers lose time as they are also working individuals and can't spend the whole day tracing the right address. At times, the residents of the houses we visit start panicking, thinking that their relatives may have tested positive and they have to be be quarantined.

Sehgal added, "While some people give a completely wrong addresses, others give addresses only partly. For example, they just state ITI Colony, but do not mention the house number. We may have to visit more than 20 houses in the locality trying to trace the home-quarantined individual."

OTC Road in Bengaluru sealed during Sunday's lockdown | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BENGALURU URBAN FIGURES

As of July 10 : 15,324 house visits made

Breaches seen : 641

FIRs filed : 570

Home-quarantined people shifted to institutional quarantine : 71

A senior BBMP official of the home quarantine squad said it is worrying some people are providing wrong addresses as they could be moving outside not following norms and, in case they are infected, they may be spreading the infection to others.

Now the CQS team have started calling the phone numbers of individuals and taking down the right addresses, but some still hesitate, he said.

But this has also raised issues of privacy. A home-quarantined individual, on condition of anonymity, said, "It is like breach of privacy as they get access to our address and even contact numbers. Not all people break quarantine norms. The government is not doing the right thing by letting them access our details."

Govt may opt for lockdown in Tier-II cities too

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The government is hoping to plateau the Covid case spike in Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural with a week-long lockdown, and is watching uneasily as numbers continue to rise in Mysuru and other small towns. The urban development department (UDD) is now considering drastic measures in the smaller cities.

UDD minister Byrati Basavaraj told *TNIE* that the department is closely tracking the numbers in all the CMCs, and agreed that the spike in Mysuru is worrying. In cities like Kalaburagi, Belagavi and Hubballi-Dharwad, the rise in numbers is being monitored both by the UDD and district authorities.

Hubballi-Dharwad City Corporation commissioner Suresh Itnal said the number of cases in Dharwad is smaller compared to Hubballi. The authorities got 77 positive cases on Saturday in Hubballi, and till 4 pm Sunday, they had 59 cases.

"Of the 67 wards of Hubballi, we are getting high numbers from only 10 wards, while in 30 wards, the numbers per ward are below 3 and are not worrying. These are the ones that need attention," he said.

A traffic police constable wears a mask while on duty at DD Urs Road, Mysuru, during Sunday's state-wide lockdown | UDAYSHANKAR S

He said that in a city like Davanagere, they could keep the numbers under check through strict monitoring, and dealing with the cases proactively. The number was restricted to 30-40 cases per day for the whole district.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is due to hold a video conference on Monday with the district authorities, to deal with these issues. There has been pressure on the UDD to clamp a lockdown in these cities too, because the caseload is shooting up. Basavaraj agreed that there is a worrying spike in numbers and a lockdown for a certain period of time, even a fortnight, could be considered in consultation with the state government.

He said he would visit Mangaluru, Udupi and Karwar on Monday and Tuesday, and check out the position at ground zero in these cities, and take up the issue with Yediyurappa.

Economic security under threat: NIA

Gold smuggling case: Agency produces Swapna Suresh and Sandeep Nair before special court

ARUN M & P RAMDAS @Kochi

THE NIA, which is probing the security angle in the gold smuggling case, has received enough indications that the actions of Swapna and fellow suspect Sandeep Nair were serious enough to threaten the country's economic security.

NIA sources said there are sufficient materials to prove the involvement of Swapna Suresh, who misused diplomatic immunity to carry out the illegal activity. Earlier, the sleuths had submitted that they have to look into the terror angle behind the gold smuggling.

As per a report submitted by the NIA before the Special Additional Sessions Court (for NIA and CBI cases) here, a copy of which is with *TNIE* has a copy of, the agency submitted that it had collected materials to show that Swapna and fellow suspect Sandeep Nair had acted with an intention to threaten the economic security of India. The materials will be submitted before the court on Monday.

In the application seeking custody of the accused for 10 days, NIA stated before the court that further evidence has to be collected in this case. Detailed investigation has to be carried out to detect the gold and money trail, and unearth the larger conspiracy in the case.

Passports seized from duo

Swapna reached Bengaluru along with her husband and two children. First they stayed at a hotel in BTM Layout and later moved to Octave hotel in Koramangala. Following a tip-off, the NIA team raided the hotel and detained Swapna. During the raid, Swapna and Sandeep were in one room along with her son while her daughter was in another room. Her husband had gone out to buy something. Their passports, three mobile phones, a sum of ₹2.5 lakh and identity cards were seized.

A vendor, formerly a weaver, sells puffed rice at a market in Belagavi district

Lockdown forces weavers to change profession

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

The weavers' community of Belagavi is in the lurch, thanks to the Covid-induced lockdown. With the reduced demand for their produce, the community members are being forced to change their profession and opt for other ways of income. Some started selling vegetables while some are selling snacks.

There are over 25,000 power loom machines installed in the district, which manufacture the popular 'Shahapuri sarees'. The weavers export sarees to Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala and other states. After the lockdown was announced, merchants from other states cancelled consignments and weavers were pulled into a huge financial crisis. Weavers running on business loans were forced to sit at home, jobless. It was difficult for them to arrange money for two-time meals.

Shankar Nagappa Dhage (31), a weaver from Vadagon said, "I have to repay my loans and since there is no demand for handloom, machines are shut. I am working as a helper at construction sites and earning ₹300 as daily wage. I have no other option left for survival."

Week-long B'luru sealing will hit us, say vegetable farmers

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THE farmers are worried about the week-long lockdown in Bengaluru starting Tuesday night as they won't be able to take their produce to the capital city. And any restrictions on the vehicular traffic from Karnataka to neighbouring Tamil Nadu and Kerala may push them to the wall.

In many places, there are no takers for brinjal, ladies' fingers, pumpkin and cucumber. Kumar, a farmer, said that they have decided not to harvest radish and brinjal as they have to pay from their pockets to meet the labour cost. "I suffered losses in turmeric and tried vegetables only to land up in debt. The Covid situation and fall in demand due to the cap on weddings and functions has given the edge to touts."

The onion growers too are in tears as they are selling it at throwaway price of ₹5 to ₹7 a kg. "How will the farmer survive if he sells onion at such a low price of ₹7 per kg when he has to shell out ₹4.50 per kg to labourers to harvest the crop?" asked Nagrajappa a farmer.

He said that they now have an additional job of finding a buyer because further delay would spoil the crop as it has no shelf life during the monsoon season.

Workers load vegetables on to inter-state trucks at APMC Yard in Bandipalya of Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYSHANKAR S

However, a few farmers knowing that they would end up in losses if they don't find other means of selling the vegetables, have hired goods carriers to sell in street corners and reach out to the doorsteps in residential areas.

Mohan, a farmer, said that due to the closure of hostels, hotels and mobile canteens, they have now turned to households.

STATE PULSE

THE LETHARGIC JOURNEY FROM HASHTAG TO HEADLINE

You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind
— **Mahatma Gandhi**

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THESE words could not be ringing at a more appropriate time amid the outrage over one of the most brutal alleged custody deaths in Sathankulam, a quaint town in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district. To unravel what triggered the chain of events, here is a recap.

June 18: A police patrol team passes by the shop of a 63-year-old timber merchant, P Jeyaraj. The merchant fleetingly comments about the police insisting that shopowners down shutters as per lockdown rules. An auto driver informs the police about this.

June 19: A police team takes Jeyaraj for "inquiry". His 31-year-old son, J Benicks, who has a mobile shop nearby, goes to the police station. Seeing his father being physically harassed, Benicks tries to protect him.

This was the beginning of a tumultuous turn of events. A lockdown violation may probably have landed Jeyaraj, if found guilty, three months in prison. But what happened was a spine-chilling act of brutality. Jeyaraj and Benicks were allegedly beaten up after being stripped naked, and tortured for hours. Thirteen officers were at the station during the incident, including volunteers, also called Friends of Police. Benicks' friends heard wails of the duo as they waited outside the police station. On June 20, Jeyaraj's family saw the bleeding father and son being taken to a government hospital. The seat of the vehicle, in which they were taken, was soaked in blood.

After being treated at the hospital, the magistrate inked their remand to Kovilpatti sub-jail by "waving his hand from the first floor of the building". The family was in the dark till the evening of June 22, when they were both shifted to Koilpatti GH due to continuous bleeding and severe injuries. Benicks died late that night, and Jeyaraj, a few hours before daybreak. The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court took suo motu cognisance and soon the case was transferred to CB-CID and later to CBI.

This was almost a month after George Floyd was pleading that he couldn't breathe and later suffocated to death on May 25 in Minneapolis, leading to a phenomenal outrage in the US. The hashtagged phrase, "blacklivesmatter" became a global anthem, with millions reorienting the racial discourse.

In Thoothukudi, the duo's death did not initially gain much traction. But the fresh-from-Floyd social media plunged into yet another viral hashtagged phrase, "justiceforjayarajandfenix" (Benicks spelt as Fenix). Soon it was on prime time television and leaders sat up and took notice. The current pandemic did prolong the journey from hashtag to headlines. Though there is no indication of a caste angle, there is a faint stink of traditional enmity of two caste groups, Nadars and Konars (or Yadavs). For the record, the two traders were Nadars.

Historically, the Tamil Nadu police have been known for highhandedness. Post-Sathankulam, the Tiruchy wing of the Tamil Nadu police was the first to send 80 officers to a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy course. One hopes it doesn't end up in tokenism. According to Carl Gustav Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, "The healthy man does not torture others. Generally, it is the tortured who, turn into torturers." One needs to understand the psychological factors that have made aggression a second nature of many a policeman. Unrealistic pressures and long work hours may have led to their frustration. The police-population ratio is 1:632 in Tamil Nadu, which is better than the nationwide average of 1:724. Yet, the state tops the list in the South with 76 custodial deaths, according to a report in 2018. The local political muscle and caste dynamics have added to this psychological load. The series of lockdowns and subsequent vesting of power to police curfew violators added weight to their muscle.

It is time the powers of the police and the rights of the people are redrawn. June 26 was observed as the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. One hopes Sathankulam propels a movement to stop normalising any form of custody violence.

After all, #alllivesmatter.

Trains transport tractors to farmers across country

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

Farmers from various parts of the country are dependent on tractors manufactured in Karnataka. Due to the Covid-induced lockdown, many such tractors were stuck here after the inter-state road transport was blocked. This has become a business opportunity for the Bengaluru Railway Division which has begun transporting tractors to Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Assam. A total of 175 tractors can be accommodated on one goods rake with the latest consignment sent to Gujarat on July 9.

The Bengaluru division has earned nearly ₹3.6 crore by dispatching 22 such rakes between April 29 and July 9. Spare parts, cars and tillers too have been transported

A N Krishna Reddy, Railway official

Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE), based in Doddaballapur, manufactures and assembles these tractors with spare parts brought from Chennai.

"If vehicles are sent by trucks, the drivers would have to be quarantined, depending on the rules of the home state. Hence, this arrangement works to the advantage of all," said A N Krishna Reddy, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru Railway Division. "The division has earned nearly Rs 3.6 crore by dispatching 22 such rakes to Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Jodhpur and Assam between April 29 and July 9. Spare parts, cars and tillers too have been transported," he added. According to Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma, "We expect to load over 10 rakes of tractors and 5 rakes of cars this month."

Meanwhile, in a sign of revival of business, export of granite slabs to other countries including China from Shettihalli in Channapatna taluk has commenced on July 10 after a lull in despatch last month.

EXPRESS READ

NLC blast toll rises to 14, one more dies

Cuddalore: Death toll in the boiler blast at Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) rose to 14 after a 50-year-old chief technician, R Suresh, died of burns at Apollo Hospital in Chennai on Sunday morning. Sources said six more patients are undergoing treatment. In the boiler blast at unit V of the second thermal plant on July 1, six contract workers died on the spot. Out of the 16 injured who were taken to Apollo on the same day, seven died between July 3 to 7 taking the toll to 13. Remaining six patients are undergoing treatment. So far, three have been discharged after treatment. **ENS**

Sabarimala shrine will open for pujas

Sabarimala: The Sabarimala temple here will be opened on Wednesday for the five-day monthly pujas for the Malayalam month of Karkidakom. Melsanthi Sudhir Nampoothiri will open the sreekovil at 5pm in the presence of tantri Mahesh Mohanaru. No rituals will be performed at the sreekovil. Entry of devotees will not be allowed during the days pujas. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Mrs. SHALINI PANDEY, aged about 37 years, W/o Mr Siddharth Ojha and Mr. SIDDHARTH OJHA, aged about 40 years, S/o Mr. Ram Chandra Ojha, both are husband and wife, residing at Flat No.712, Tower-III, Saipoorna Premier Apartments, Hartur Road, Kudlu, BANGALORE-560068 intends to purchase schedule property from Mr. MOHAMMED SARDAR PASHA, S/o Late Mr. Pacha Sab, aged about 59 years, residing at No 915, TTB House, Medahalli, Virgonagar Post, BANGALORE - 560 049 And ABDUL NABI, S/o Late Mr. Pacha Sab, aged about 51 years, residing at Survey No.7912, Pacha Sab Layout, Medahalli, Kithaganuru Main Road, Virgonagar Post, BANGALORE - 560 049, any person/persons having any objections or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property are required to lodge the same with undersigned along with documentary evidence within 15 days from this date, failing which my client shall proceed with the transaction free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No 17, Khatha No.204, BBMP Khata Sl. No.618, formed in converted land bearing Survey No 16/3, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 37 Guntas (out of which an extent of 1 Acre 35.08 Guntas has been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural residential purpose and an extent of 01 08 Guntas has been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Park purpose vide Conversion order bearing No.ALN (Poo) SR/10/2014-15, dated 05.02 2015. issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), situated at SEEGEHALLI Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, comes under the Jurisdiction of ward No 53 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and measuring East to West On the Northern side 43.7 Feet, and On the Southern side 46.9 Feet, North to South On the Eastern side 30 Feet and On the Western side 30.7 Feet. In total measuring 1366 square feet together with all rights appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above and bounded on the East by: Site No.16, West by: Road, North by: Site No 18, South by Road.

VINOD .N, Advocate
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Ph. 9901047456. Date 11.07.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri. P GANESHA REDDY S/o P. Narayana Reddy R/t No 002, Skyline City Tower Block Canara Bank Colony Chandralayout Bangalore -560040 has intend to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from 1) Smt. Sarswathi.V.Kumar , 2) Smt. Sujatha they are declare and represent they are they in absolute owner in possession or the schedule property.

Any person having any manner of right, little, or interest in or over the Schedule property are hereby call upon to today his such claims or objections with the under sign in writing with supporting documents within (7) seven days from the date of this publications . if no such objections or claims are not received within the said period my client will process to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sites No.1769/1 & 73/1 farmed in Sy. Nos. 24/4 vide conversion order No. BDS/ALN/SR/(N)85/2003-04, dated 25/10/2003 issued by the special deputy commissioner Bengaluru district situated at SRIGANDHAKAVALU VILLAGE, YESHWANTHAPURA HOBLI, BENGALURU NORTH TALUK, BENGALURU LAYOUT FORMED BY THE KARNATAKA STATE D' Group employees central Association measuring East to west on north fide 40.00 (forty) feet on north to south 40.00(forty) feet in all measuring 1200, square feet together with all right appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or about the surface and bounded as follower.

ITEM No 1.
East by : 33rd Main Road
West by : Passage then drain
North by : site No. 1770/1 Srinivas Site
South by : site No.73/1 Sujatha S .L

ITEM No. 2
East by : 33rd Main Road
West by : Passage then drain
North by : site No.1769/1 Saraswathi. V Kumar
South by : 28th Road

H K Ravi Shankar, Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED (BPCL), a Company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1913 is intending to take on lease the vacant land at Survey Number 127/1A, Area 7078.34 sqft out of 10 Guntas from its owners S. Gopinath S/o Subbaraju and S. Uma W/o S. Sopinath, about 48 years, resident of RBI Layout, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, situated at Sy. No. 127/1A, Kh.No. 34, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Kothnur Main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore District bounded on North : 20 ft Road, South : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 127/1A, West : Private Property, East by Kothnur Main Road for a period of 19 years, 11 months.

If any persons or entity (organised or unorganised) other than S. Gopinath S/o Subbaraju and S. Uma W/o S. Gopinath is having any right or claim in any manner over the said property, the same may be intimated to BPCL in the following Address within 12 days from today 11.07.2020.

Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd.,
Du Park Trinity, 7th Floor, 17 M.G. Road, Bangalore.
For Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Smt. K. Swarna Lathahas W/o Shivanagi Reddy. K aged about No. 188, Laggere Main Road, Parvathi nagara, Laggere, Bangalore intend to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Srinivas S/o Late Basavaiah No. 19, 3rd Main road, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560023 declare and represent he is absolute owner in possession or the schedule property.

Any person having any manner of right, little, or interest in or over the Schedule property are hereby call upon to today his such claims or objections with the under sign in writing with supporting documents within (7) seven days from the date of this publications. if no such objections or claims are not received within the said period my client will process to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sites No.1769/1 & 73/1 farmed in Sy. Nos. 24/4 vide conversion order No. BDS/ALN/SR/(N)85/2003-04, dated 25/10/2003 issued by the special deputy commissioner Bengaluru district situated at SRIGANDHAKAVALU VILLAGE, YESHWANTHAPURA HOBLI, BENGALURU NORTH TALUK, BENGALURU LAYOUT FORMED BY THE KARNATAKA STATE D' Group employees central Association measuring East to west on north fide 40.00 (forty) feet on north to south 40.00(forty) feet in all measuring 1200, square feet together with all right appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or about the surface and bounded as follower.

East by : 33rd Main Road
West by : Passage then drain
North by : site No. 1769/A & Resort
South by : site No.1769/1 Saraswathi V Kumar.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public, Local Authority, Governing body, that my client **Smt. Shashi .R W/o Dr. H.N. Kaduregowda,** residing at Sri Siddeshwaranilaya, 5th Cross, Vidyanagara, Tiptur, Tumkur-572 201 is intended to purchase below mentioned schedule of the property bearing new Municipal No.75/1, formed in the land bearing Sy.No.75/1 of Vartur Village from **Sri Basavaraju .V S/o Sri.Venkateshappa,** aged about 59 years, residing at No.207, 7th Cross, Laxmipura, Kempegowdanagara, Bangalore-560 019, the owner has handed over the documents which are in the custody of my client. Any person having any right, claim, title, interest or possession over the property may file their objection/s to the undersigned with valid documentary proof within 15 days and if no valid objection/s are received in respect of property, my client will proceed to purchase the below schedule property with assumption that, there are no objections / claim / title / interest / possession whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the property from client and thereafter no claims, objections, requests, disputes will be entertained.

Schedule of the Property:

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern portion of the property bearing new Municipal No.75/1, formed in the land bearing Sy.No.75/1 of Vartur Village, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 600 square feet, consisting of Ground and First floor RCC roofed building situated at "Sri Rama Layout", now called Prakash Layout, Muthsandra Road, Whitefield, Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore. BBMP Ward No.149 of Varthur and bounded on the: East by : Property of Polachand, West by: Property of K Shivaram, North by : 20 feet Road, South by . Property of Muniyallappa.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 11.07.2020

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ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನಾವುಗಳು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 212, 213 ಹಾಗೂ 238 ರ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 12 ಎಕರೆ 19 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್. ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಯಾರ್ಜಿತವಾದ ಜಮೀನಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನವನ್ನು ನಾವು 1984 ರಿಂದ ಇದುವರೆವಿಗೂ ನಾವೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾನುಭವದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಭವಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳು ವ್ಯವಸಾಯದ ಜಮೀನುಗಳು ಆಗಿದ್ದು, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು **ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘ** ನಿಯಮಿತಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇದರ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ವಸತಿಗಾಗಿ ಬೇಕಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸುಮಾರು 62 ಎಕರೆ 21 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಕಲಂ 4(1) ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–11–1988 ರಂದು **ಎಲ್ಎಕ್ಯೂ(1)ಎಸ್ಆರ್**28/87–88ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಮಯದಿಂದ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ **ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.** 212, 213, 216, 237/1, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242/1 **ಹಾಗೂ** 242/2 **ರ ಒಟ್ಟು 62 ಎಕರೆ 21 ಗುಂಟೆ** ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಟ್ಟಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ಹಣವನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿತ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಪಾವತಿಸಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ 62 ಎಕರೆ 21 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ **WP**.18584/1989 ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ 62 **ಎಕರೆ 21 ಗುಂಟೆ** ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲು ಆದೇಶಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಇವರ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇವರ ಕೋರಿಕೆಯಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯ ಸಮಯದಿಂದ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ವಾಯಿದೆ ಮುಗಿದ ನಂತರ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಇವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರಾದ ಬಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್‌ರವರು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿರುವ **ರೂ.**13,66,950/– (**ಹದಿಮೂರು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಅರವತ್ತಾರು ಸಾವಿರ ಒಂಬೈನೂರ ಐವತ್ತು ರೂಪಾಯಿ**)ಗಳನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ತೀರ್ಮ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತೆ. ಬಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಏಕ ಸದಸ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳು ತೀರ್ಪನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿ ದ್ವಿಸದಸ್ಯ ಪೀಠಕ್ಕೆ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ **WA**.8766/96 ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಬಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್‌ರವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–12–1996 ರಂದು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿ, ಏಕ ಸದಸ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳು ನೀಡಿರುವ ತೀರ್ಪನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿಹಿಡಿದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:18–11–1988 ರಂದು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು **ಎಲ್ಎಕ್ಯೂ(1)ಎಸ್ಆರ್**28/87–88 ರಂತೆ 62 ಎಕರೆ 21 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ವಜಾಗೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಬಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–07–1998 ರಂದು ರೂ.200/– ಬೆಲೆಬಾಳುವ ಛಾಪಾ ಕಾಗದದಲ್ಲಿ **"Indemnity Bond"** ನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ವಿ.ವಿ.ಟವರ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರಿಗೆ ಬರೆದುಕೊಟ್ಟು ತಾವು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹಣವನ್ನು **ರೂ.**13,66,950/– ಗಳನ್ನು ಹಿಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ರದ್ದಾದನಂತರ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 212, 213 ಹಾಗೂ 238 ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ನಾವೇ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇದುವರೆವಿಗೂ ನಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಕ್ರಯ, ಕರಾರು, ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಎ. ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಬಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್ ರವರು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನಮ್ಮಗಳ ಆಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಲಪಟಾಯಿಸಲು ದುರುದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಕೆಲವು ನಕಲಿ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಮ್ಮ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಜಕ್ಷನ್ ಕೇಸ್ **O.S.** 834/1996 ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕೇಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಮಂಗಳಗೌರಿರವರನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30–11–2009 ರಂದು ಸಂಘದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪರ್ಮನೆಂಟ್ ಇಂಜಕ್ಷನ್ ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಿಟಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಲಯದ ತೀರ್ಪಿನ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಮಂಗಳಗೌರಿರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕೇಸ್ ನಂ.**RFA**.1351/2009 **C/W RFA**.46/2010 ಆಗಿದ್ದು, ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ಬಾಕಿ ಇದ್ದಾಗ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಸಂಘದ 82 ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಆರ್.ಎಫ್.ಎ. ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸೇರ್ಪಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ವಿನಂತಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಇವರ ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿ, ಇವರನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಅಪೀಲ್‌ದಾರರಾದ ನಮ್ಮ ವಾದ, ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳ ವಾದ ಆಲಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–03–2015 ರಂದು ಸಿಟಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನೀಡಿದ್ದ **Permanent Inju.** ಡಿಕ್ರಿಯನ್ನು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಪರವಾಗಿ ತೀರ್ಮ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಸಂಘದವರು ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ನೀಡಿರುವ ತೀರ್ಪನ್ನು ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ Review Petition 290–303/2015 ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14–07–2015 ರಂದು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನಾ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿ, ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09–03–2015 ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿಹಿಡಿದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ದೆಹಲಿ **(Supreme Court of India)** ವಿಶೇಷ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ **SLP(C)**20309–310/2015 ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–02–2018 ರಂದು ಡಿಸ್‌ಮಿಸ್ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಕೆಲವು ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಾಕಿ ಇದ್ದಾಗ **ಬಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್** ರವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–09–2006 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ಮಾಡಿ ತಾವು ನಿವೇಶನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸಂಘದಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹಿಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು ಸೂಕ್ತವಾಗಿದೆ, ಹಣದ ಭದ್ರತೆಯ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಇದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯೂ ಹೌದು ಎಂದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮುಂದುವರೆದು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–03–2012 ರಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ವಿಜಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ, ಕನ್ನಡಪ್ರಭ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅವರು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ಅನುಮತಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ, ಸಂಘದ 5ನೇ ಹಂತ ಸಚ್ಚಿದಾನಂದ ನಗರ, ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಸಮೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಂತೆ, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ** ನಂ. 212, 213, 216, 237/1, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242/1 **ಹಾಗೂ** 242/2 **ರ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ಸಂಘದ ಅಂದಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಘದ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಪಡೆಯದೇ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಹ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದದೇ ಇರುವ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿ ಸುಮಾರು 200 ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಂದಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.** ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳ ತೀರ್ಮಗಳು **ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ** ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನಗರ ಸಿಟಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ **O.S.** 925/2008 (**ಸಿಸಿಹೆಚ್**:38) **(Declaration)** ಸಿವಿಲ್ ದಾವೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನನ್ನ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–06–2013 ರಂದು ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕರಣವನ್ನು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಇದರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ವಾದಿ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಸಂಘದ ಕೆಲವು ಸದಸ್ಯರು (ಸಿಸಿಹೆಚ್:36) ರಲ್ಲಿ **O.S.No.**7598/2019, **O.S.** 7888/2019 & **O.S.** 8773/2019 ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್. ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನಮ್ಮ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್. ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನಾವುಗಳು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ವಾಸ್ತವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿದಾಗ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–01–2020 ರಂದು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿ ತನ್ನ ತೀರ್ಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 212, 213 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಮೋಸದಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ದುರುದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಮೋಸವೆಸಗಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಊರ್ಜಿತವಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ತೀರ್ಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘದವರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು ಮರೆಮಾಚಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 212 ಹಾಗೂ 213 ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ, ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಮಂಗಳಗೌರಿರವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಸಂಘವು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ಪ್ರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತವೆಂದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–03–2020 ವಿಜಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವುದು ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇವರು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಜಾಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಇವರೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–03–2012 ರಂದು ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ಸಂಘದ ಅಂದಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಘದ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಪಡೆಯದೇ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಹ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದದೇ ಇರುವ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಇದು ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–03–2020ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧೀನ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳ ಆದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವುದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳ ಆದೇಶಗಳ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗನಿಂದನೆ ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ರವರು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ವಿರುದ್ಧ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ, ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಆದ ನಾವು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಸಂಘದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ ನಿಂದನೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣ (Civil & Criminal) ಹೂಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ನಂಜಮ್ಮ, ಶ್ರೀ. ಹೆಚ್.ಲಂಕಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಮಂಗಳಗೌರಿರವರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಸಂಘ ತನ್ನ ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿ ಮೋಸವೆಸಗಿ, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ದಾರಿ ತಪ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಲಾಭ ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂಬ ದುರುದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ನಮಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹಲಗೆವಡೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 212, 213 ಹಾಗೂ 238 ರ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 12 ಎಕರೆ 19 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘ ಹಾಗೂ ಇದರ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ **ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ** 4(1) ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–11–1988** ರಂದು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಬಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–07–1998 ರಂದು **"Indemnity Bond"** ನ್ನು ಬರೆದುಕೊಟ್ಟು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹಣವನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ಪಡೆದಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಮರೆಮಾಚಿ ದಾರಿ ತಪ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿನಾ ಕಾರಣ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ನಾವು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನಮ್ಮ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಪತಿಯಿಂದಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಸಂಘದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸಲ್ಪಡುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದಾಗಲೀ ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿ ನಮಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಹಕ್ಕಿನ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರಾರು, ಕ್ರಯ, ಆಧಾರ, ಭೋಗ್ಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುವುದಾಗಲೀ ವಾಸ್ತವಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಭಾರೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಲೀ ನಡೆದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರೇ ಹೊಣೆಗಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಇವರ ಆಮಿಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರೇ ಹೊಣೆಗಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳಿಗೂ, ನಮಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂಬಂಧವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದು ಕಾನೂನ ಉಲ್ಲಂಘನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಯವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಶ್ವ ಭಾರತಿ ಗೃಹ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘದ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನಾವುಗಳು ಕಾನೂನು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಮಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂಬ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

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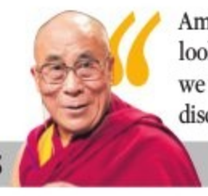

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FARCE WRITTEN ALL OVER PAK'S LEGAL SUPPORT TO JADHAV

Foreign policy traditionally was a point of convergence in India's noisy democracy. It no longer is. We bicker on almost everything under the sun from the situation along the LAC to how bilateral relations with neighbours have generally dipped under the Modi government's watch. Why, knives have been out in recent weeks against the foreign minister from within the ruling party. Yet, if there is an island of congruence, it is on retired Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav. Arrested by Pakistan on charges of spying and terror in late 2016 and awarded capital punishment by a kangaroo military court months later in a closed trial, there was a sense of relief last year after the International Court of Justice (ICJ) upbraided Islamabad for its flagrant violation of international law on consular support. From delayed information on his arrest to the Indian mission to the denial of consular access, the ICJ faulted Pakistan on multiple counts and ordered immediate redressal, including a fresh and open trial as also consular support.

Since jungle law prevails in Pakistan's military courts and their verdicts couldn't be contested in civilian courts, Jadhav had in 2017 filed a mercy petition. After sitting on the ICJ order for months, Islamabad promulgated an ordinance in May allowing military court verdicts to be challenged in high courts. But last week, Pakistan claimed Jadhav was unwilling to file an appeal before the Islamabad high court and preferred pursuing his pending mercy petition instead. It did a diplomatic stunt saying India or Jadhav's relatives could still approach the HC on his behalf before the ordinance window shuts on July 19. However, the Indian foreign office promptly called out the neighbour for coercing Jadhav to forego his rights, adding it was exploring all legal options. The opposition, too, was on the same page.

As the foreign office pointed out, it is as clear as daylight that Pakistan is creating a mirage of compliance with the ICJ verdict. It hasn't yet shared any relevant document with India, including the first information report, evidence and the military court's order. Apart from one heavily curtailed consular meet, India is yet to get unimpeded access to him. Pakistan may need another international rebuke to yield.

INDIA'S INEQUITABLE HOUSING SYSTEM

For over a hundred days, most people stayed indoors in Mumbai—a city where an average resident has a mere eight square metres of space to call his own. For a lot of Indians, especially the urban poor, social distancing is a luxury they cannot afford. Lockdowns meant staying shut in densely populated homes and streets, in close proximity with those providing essential services at hospitals, homes and elsewhere. The lockdown was counterproductive for the poor, who are dependent on common spaces to reduce congestion at home. It put them at greater danger. This was evident in Chennai, where the poor, working class settlements in the northern parts got hit harder than the better-developed south. From there, the virus found its way to the rest of Chennai, as the services of the north were required in the homes, offices and factories of the south.

Covid-19 is a brutal reminder of the importance of public welfare—unless the poor are cared for, the rich too will suffer. Until individuals stop evading taxes and governments stop wasting those funds on impractical schemes, our cities will continue to be vulnerable. The only solution is equitable development and this virus has taught us that this development must begin from the housing sector. The WHO recommendation of using non-shared rooms and bathrooms for self-quarantine is something most Indians cannot afford. As per an NSSO study done in 2019, 27% urban homes and 34% rural homes are congested. Four in ten homes share kitchen spaces. Close to 17% don't have separate toilets. Housing is a basic human right, and India, despite its attempts, is lagging far behind in ensuring it is delivered to its citizens. A major reason for this has been the massive real estate boom across cities and the lack of policy regulations to ensure fair play and equitable distribution. While even the capitalist West has sturdy rent control acts, India is still making do with outdated regulations. The recent affordable housing policy is a welcome move, but its impact will depend on how well it's implemented and how stringent the authorities are in ensuring the builders deliver what is promised.

Rejecting fairness creams is only a superficial solution to the much deeper malaise that runs within the Indian psyche

THE NARRATIVE OF BEAUTY HAS TO CHANGE

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One of the fallouts of the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign in the US—essentially a campaign led by a global organisation of the same name established in 2013 in America, UK and Canada, whose mission is to "eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes"—has been the spotlight on skin colour and corporates involved in the fairness business in countries like India. The movement—one of civil rights and police brutality, especially among the marginalised groups—is essentially one of *fairness*. It has however led to urban, upper-class, educated Indians getting into a tizzy over the issue of 'fairness'.

Dating fairness: Fairness of skin as a construct is of relatively recent origin in India. Ancient Indian literature, including Jayadeva's *Gita Govinda*, Kalidasa's works, Vatsyayana's *Kamasutra* and the *Ramayana* celebrate '*shyam varna*' (dark complexion). In fact, in one of the versions of *Ramayana*, Surpanakha—Ravana's sister, whose nose is chopped off by Lakshmana—is depicted as fair-complexioned, thus associating fairness with deceit and guile. Valmiki's *Ramayana* itself (translation available in the *'Ancient Indian Literature, Volume Two'*) refers to Rama as 'swarthy as the blue lotus', and Ravana as 'one who looked like a mound of black collyrium'. Similarly, ancient literature portrays Krishna—meaning 'black' in Sanskrit—as one with dark skin tone.

The notion of 'fair is beautiful' may be associated with what is thought to be the invasion of the Indian subcontinent by the fair-skinned Aryans, establishing their hegemony and supremacy over the dark-skinned native Dravidians. The later Central Asian invaders used the term 'Hindu' in a pejorative sense, as defining the colour of the people of the sub-continent. Thus, *The Monthly Review or Literary Journal for April 1799, Pennant's View of Hindustan* states: "The word Hindu-stan is a Persic compound, signifying the country of the black people, as we say Negroe-land."

Over a period of time, there was a complex intermingling of colour with caste as well, with lighter-skin colour coming to be associated with 'upper castes' and vice versa. Such colourism may be seen in the classification even among the so-called 'upper caste' Iyengar community of Tamil origin, with a distinction between the Vadakalai or "Iyengars of the Northern Descension", and Thenkalai, or "Iyengars of the Southern Descension". The former are supposed to owe their descent to Indo-Aryan missionaries, while the latter are considered 'being not so Aryan' and of a Dravidian admixture, with some believed to have descended from converts to Sri Vaishnavism from non-Brahmin ethnic groups. An oft-cited description of the difference among the two is in terms of skin colour, with the former supposed to be fair-skinned as opposed to the latter.

Colonisation and the British rule reinforced such association of fair with supremacy. British discrimination of "Black Indians" manifested itself in the form of barring entry to British clubs, with boards proclaiming "Indians and dogs not allowed". The prejudice for colour was also evident in the British preference for Northerners, since 'the taller and fairer a native, the better a man he was likely to be'.

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Rejecting Fairness: The current issue of 'colourism' in Indian media has to be seen through a wider lens. There can be no justification of products and services which glorify skin tone of a certain type, attributing 'success' to such skin tone. However, such products are only a manifestation of the 'fallacy of physical beauty' mindset (borrowing from Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan) that already exists in society. Such mindset reflects in the use of turmeric (with its skin-lightening properties) as part of the pre-wedding rituals of most Indian communities; it also manifests in the preference for fair heroines from the North, even in Southern movies. That such a heroine croons her preference for 'black as the preferred colour' to the hero who is anything but fair-complexioned (with the reverse being unimaginable)—thus celebrating the 'black' hero while rejecting a 'black' heroine—represents colourism of the worst sort, making a mockery of our conception of fairness.

The notion of 'fairness' has to be wider in its reach, encompassing discrimination, prejudices and biases that we as Indians are adept at. Ancient literature provides us some indication of such deep-rooted biases. The 'malevolent, wrathful hunchback' Manthara is portrayed as the person responsible for turning the 'beautiful, lotus-eyed' Kaikeyi into a wicked, scheming woman who pushes for Rama's exile. Again, the portrayal of Surpanakha as an 'ugly, misshapen, pot-bellied woman with beady eyes and copper hair, an old hag' shapes much of the discourse on the perception of goodness as being one of (superficial) beauty. Clearly beauty in India is not just skin deep.

Rejecting fairness through rejecting fairness creams is only a superficial solution to the much deeper malaise that runs within the Indian psyche. The narrative of beauty has to change, and not just in the minds of some emancipated souls. This would require far more than changing the names of fairness creams, or even rejecting them. For, with people covering up their faces with masks post-Covid, the new 'opportunity' areas for corporates may shift to body-toning rather than skin-toning creams, signalling the death of fairness creams. Clearly, the emphasis has to shift from a colourism-centric 'fairness' to '*fairness*'.

(Views are personal)

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EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION NEEDED TO MANAGE PANDEMIC

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The relentlessly soaring figures of infection and mortality on account of Covid-19 and the nation's response to come to terms with them through medical intervention and non-pharmaceutical approaches have been attracting wide public attention. The effect of the pandemic on the economy and the adequacy of government action—through stimulus packages and reform measures—have also formed a major part of national discourse. But the subterranean fear—based partly on reality and partly on perception—that has engulfed the citizenry remains unarticulated.

There are two main reasons behind such public apprehension. One is the uniqueness of the disease that caught even the developed nations unawares. The second is the inadequacy of the executive machinery to assuage the public, with the help of relevant statistics, not to panic but to remain careful. Drawing a line between the two has never been easy.

An article in *Nature Medicine* by immunologist Thiago Carvalho on June 26 admirably sums up the findings of global biomedical research over the last six months—in clinical testing, drug repurposing, vaccine development, understanding the pathogenesis, immunity and transmission modes. We learn of the important advances since the RT-PCR test and how serological testing has received a boost. And how remdesivir and dexamethasone have been effective under specific conditions. Amongst vaccine candidates, the article suggests Moderna and CanSino have shown promising results. Besides, passive immunisation through various means like convalescent plasma and hyper-immune serum preparations is also being attempted. As we know, India's vaccine candidate is also being fast-tracked. No doubt, the world is better prepared now to combat the disease.

Science never makes unsubstantiated claims. If one looks at what the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention says about how Covid-19 spreads, cautious use of words —'mainly', 'The virus is thought to spread…', 'It may be possible that a person can get Covid-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it… This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads…'—indicate that even in scientific circles, the learning process is continuing and therefore, many such advisories are rather probabilistic in nature. This is because of an imperfect understanding of the whole problem. The WHO's recent interventions about the infection potential of asymptomatic persons and on airborne transmission of the virus have also not cleared the air altogether.

Under such circumstances, what can the executive do in a country with our population density, poverty, illiteracy, poor nutritional status and inadequate health infrastructure? Does instilling fear in the public psyche really help? Since fear begets fear, how can the transmission of pervasive fear be prevented? Admittedly, fear can cause paranoia in extreme cases, but much worse is when the reverse happens, with people tempted to throw caution to the wind. The greater the relaxation, the greater is the need for every individual to follow the instructions of social distancing, wearing of masks and hand hygiene. The prime minister's appeal before Unlock 2.0 from July 1 has to be read in this context.

Has any standard protocol for treatment been developed that even physicians in, say, areas like Meerut or Nellore are acquainted with and trained in? Are there channels of communication for experience sharing between apex institutions like the AIIMS and district-level hospitals? ... In the absence of collection and dissemination of the right kind of information, people tend to feel helpless

The current circumstances, therefore, demand a robust communication strategy to be put in place, the most important component of which would be to share relevant information based on available statistics. We would like to know what has been learnt from the experience so far, both local and global, and how the appropriate practices are sought to be introduced. Has any standard template/protocol for treatment been developed that even physicians in, say, areas like Siliguri, Meerut or Nellore are acquainted with and trained in? Are there channels of communication for experience sharing between apex institutions like the AIIMS and state and district hospitals? With advances in treatment, are the mortality rates showing a perceptible decline? Are there studies about the key modes of transmission in the Indian context? How are the frontline healthcare personnel being incentivised? What are the disaggregated data available that can provide insight into India-specific issues?

Equally important, what are the problems being faced by non-Covid patients? Since senior citizens and others with comorbidities are advised to stay indoors, what kind of health problems are they facing? How effective and widespread have telemedicine services been? In the absence of collection and dissemination of the right kind of information, people tend to feel helpless, and, influenced by television and social media, be unduly panic-stricken.

With graded unlocking, there are likely to be further spikes, especially when mass transport like Metro services are allowed. The government should not only be prepared in terms of infrastructure, it should also work with and take into confidence the stakeholders to ensure a people-led fight against the disease. For instance, many train services were suddenly cancelled, which must be for a justifiable reason. But shouldn't the railway authorities have explained what prompted this unilateral decision, with facts and figures?

Democratic governments are not great communicators. But the present war-like situation demands that decisive action proceeds in tandem with meaningful communication. That will encourage the public to behave more rationally and proactively, freed from undue apprehensions.

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How did they go to K'taka?

Kudos to the National Intelligence Agency for nabbing the alleged criminals in the Kerala gold smuggling case so soon after taking over, that too when they were hiding in Karnataka. The case gets murkier by the day as one wonders how the criminals could cross the state border without any trouble. This must be probed.

M T Thomas, Peruva

Kudos to NIA

There is a saying in Malayalam, "*Pala naal kallan oru naal akkapadum.*" This translates to, "A thief of many days will be caught one day." This is what has happened to the suspected gold smugglers Swapna Suresh and Sandeep Nair. Congratulations to the NIA for making it happen so fast, something the state police were unable to do.

K Gopakumar Menon, Thrissur

Dharavi tames the virus

It is wonderful that the success story of Dharavi, Asia's largest slum, has been accorded international recognition. The pandemic was contained very well there. This was possible because of active testing and containment measures adopted by the Maharashtra government, including screening, sanitation and isolation.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Controlling population

Union Minister Giriraj Singh's wish for a population control law is paramount for sustained development in India. If our population continues booming, we will not be able to cater to even the basic human necessities like food, shelter, healthcare, education, etc., in the future due to the limited resources available.

Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

No explicit divide

This is with reference to *Why North and South do not meet* (July 12). There is no explicit North and South divide. The difference occurs mostly in Tamil Nadu and has been happening due to local politics for the past 50-and-odd years.

Sivaraja K S, email

One civilisation

The author refers to the Vedas and the word *arya*. It was used in the Vedas as an equivalent of the English language's 'gentleman', not to indicate a separate race. (The Buddha's Four Noble Truths is known as *cattari arya saccani* in Pali.) The Mathacharyas Adi Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva are all from the South and their philosophies are well received throughout India. Even when there were many kingdoms, it was one civilisation.

D Mohana Rao, Bengaluru

Migrants yes, but united

I agree with Tony Joseph's exhortation: "We are all Indians. And we are all migrants." The Father of the Nation was from Gujarat, the national flag was made by a Telugu man, the architect of the Constitution was from Maharashtra, and our first president, vice-president and PM were from Bihar, Madras state and Kashmir, respectively. We hail from the four corners of India with our inherent differences, yet we are working unitedly for its progress.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

No hasty conclusions

The article seems to base many of its conclusions on material from a single book: *Early Indians*. Its author is primarily a journalist and not a historian. So we cannot come to hasty conclusions.

Hari Raghavan, email

BJP must stop horse-trading

The allegation by Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot that the BJP was trying to topple his government by luring MLAs with offers of ₹15 crore is very serious. Two governments in Karnataka and MP were overthrown in the recent past by the BJP. It should stop indulging in subversion of democracy by engineering defections from opposition parties.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Extrajudicial killings

This is with reference to the column *Ethics of encounter energise UP crimescape* (July 12). The police defend every encounter as a retaliation but the fact is these are extrajudicial killings. The desperation of the Yogi government to finish off the don before he could sing like a canary in court is obvious.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Brahma Chellaney @Chellaney
China's growing military ties with Iran hold implications for India's role in Iran's Chabahar port....

Kapil Sibal @KapilSibal
Worried for our party. Will we wake up only after the horses have bolted from our stables?

Swara Bhasker @ReallySwara
Dear @Vadcitypolice, this Shubham Mishra is a resident of Baroda.. Take suo moto cognisance.

Disgruntled leaders can't see eye-to-eye

With the municipal elections slated for next month, the two big leaders want a clear decision from the Congress high command. While Gehlot is in no mood to share his power with his deputy, Pilot is said to be in no mood to step down as the PCC chief which gives him a special clout in the state.

A worker sanitises barricades as security personnel stand guard outside the official residence of Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot | PTI

SOG row latest chapter in Gehlot-Pilot tussle

While the PCC chief feels he is given no importance, the Rajasthan chief minister is unhappy that his deputy misuses the party post

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ALMOST Congress insiders concede that the Special Operations Group's (SOG) notice to Sachin Pilot is just the latest chapter in the tussle between Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his deputy that began right after the party came to power in December 2018.

The rivalry has reached a point where the two leaders simply can't tolerate each other, they said.

While Pilot feels that he is given no importance in governance, Gehlot is unhappy that his deputy misuses the PCC chief post to create hurdles in every decision. The chief minister is said to be tired of Pilot's constant attacks like in the Kota infant deaths and the Congress' flop show in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Gehlot is believed to be keen on removing Pilot from the post of the PCC chief.

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In the latest flashpoint, the sources say, Pilot is annoyed that Gehlot is using the SOG probe to create a false impression that he is colluding with the BJP to topple the government. The PCC chief is said to be angry that all major decisions are taken by Gehlot without any discussion with him.

With the Congress winning two of the three seats in the Rajya Sabha poll, Gehlot's stock rose in the party. But, Pilot made a veiled attack saying that those who were trying to spread rumours were proved to have been making baseless charges.

The tussle has reached to such a point that there have been no political appointments in the state.

Political circles are abuzz that Pilot is also in touch with the BJP. But given the less number of MLAs on his side, sources in the BJP say it is not too keen to test Pilot unless he can help them bring down the Rajasthan government.

Ultimately, the numbers game may well decide how the Gehlot-Pilot tussle ends as the two leaders are not ready to blink.

India gets Nepal's demarche over report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN what Nepal has issued a demarche to India to lodge protests over a media channel's report on Nepalese Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and Chinese ambassador to Nepal Hou Yang Qi.

A note from the Nepal government said, "Such reports sow anguish and aversion among the ordinary people for generations. We request India to immediately take steps against these obscene materials about Nepal disseminated by Indian media and make sure such materials do not find space in the media."

The note urges India to draw serious attention to the blasphemous materials that have appeared in some of the media outlets. "These materials are fake, baseless and insensitive as well as abusive towards Nepal and its leadership.. Such materials tend not only to mislead and misinform but also impair senses of minimum public decency and decorum expected in a civil society," the note added.

According to the note, such motivated smearing campaign unleashed by a section of the Indian media has deeply hurt the feelings of Nepali people and persona of Nepali leadership. "While we respect the press freedom, such freedom should not cross the threshold of minimum decency and ethical redline," the note stated and added that such reports are contrary to the agreements signed by the two leaders to boost bilateral relations.

The ministry of external affairs is yet to comment on the issue.

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Nepal government note

India's coronavirus load close to 29,000-mark, 551 deaths in a day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ON a day India registered yet another highest daily Covid-19 cases, a whopping 551 deaths were also recorded overnight in the country, taking the infection related deaths to 22,674.

With 28,637 new Covid-19 cases detected in a day, the country's infection tally neared 8.5-lakh on Sunday morning with 8,49,553 case just five days after crossing the seven-lakh mark.

Of 551 overnight fatalities, 223 deaths were reported from Maharashtra while a whopping Karnataka, the state which is seeing a sharp spike in cases.

In Delhi, where the number of cases as well has deaths have fallen following a peak like situation, 34 deaths were reported in 24-hour period in the last 24 hours, a total of 19,235 were cured of Covid-19 and the total number of recovered patient now stands at 5,34, 620.

The country also has 2,92, 258 active cases.

The government also said that the present health infrastructure dedicated to providing medical attention to the Covid affected includes 1,370 dedicated hospitals, 3,062 health centres and 10,334 Covid care centres. The health ministry claimed that for the successful operation of these facilities, the Centre has so far provided 122.36 lakh PPE Kits, 223.33 lakh N-95 masks, and 21,685 ventilators have been delivered to various states.

"Enabling factors like removing all impediments for Covid-19 testing and facilitation of widespread testing by States/UTs continues to result in a steady rise in the samples tested every day; during the last 24 hours 2,80,151 samples have been tested," the ministry said in a release.

The cumulative number of samples tested, as of now is 1,15,87,153 and crucial supporting factor in progressive rise in testing numbers is continuous expansion of the country-wide diagnostic lab network, which as on date comprises 850 labs in the government sector and 344 private labs, said the government.

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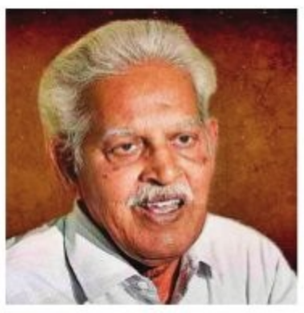

Varavara critical, needs special care: Kin to Centre

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THE family members of 78-year-old activist, poet and writer **Varavara Rao**, who has been in jail for close to two years on Sunday, sought the intervention of the Centre and the state to ensure better treatment to him for his deteriorating health.

They demanded that he be shifted to a super-specialty hospital where he could get proper medical care for his multiple ailments, while alleging that the state was trying to 'kill him in Taloja jail.' Varavara Rao was arrested in November 2018 in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence and for his alleged involvement in Maoist conspiracy to kill PM Narendra Modi.

Learning about Rao's precarious health condition, Romilla Thapar, Prabhat Patnaik, Devaki Jain, Maja Daruwala and Satish Deshpande, who were petitioners to the Supreme Court on the matter of the Bhima Koregaon arrests, made an appeal to Maharashtra government and the NIA to facilitate his shifting to JJ Hospital where he could receive proper treatment.

They said there was no reason in law or conscience to hold him in circumstances that increase risk to his fragile health. To knowingly risk the life of a person in state custody by refusing proper medical treatment would amount to a form of 'encounter', an extra-legal punishment. "We appeal to the authorities to assure the nation that the Indian State respects the rule of law and the Constitution, by ensuring that Varavara Rao receives immediate and proper treatment and that his family is allowed to look after him during his illness."

Rao's wife Hemlatha and daughter Pavana said, through an online press conference from Hyderabad, that the poet's health condition had deteriorated to such an extent that he was speaking incoherently and inconsistently like a child and was struggling to find words. ""During a phone call, he was asking me if I went to the funerals of his mother and father, which happened seven and four decades ago respectively. His voice was weak and muffled and he was switching to Hindi abruptly from Telugu while speaking to me."

Hemlatha insisted that at present the family was mainly concerned about his life.

We appeal to the authorities to assure that the state respects the rule of law by ensuring that Rao receives immediate treatment and that his family is allowed to look after him during his illness
Petitioners

GUIDELINES RELAXED

Want to take a flight? Be corona-free for 3 weeks

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AIR-passengers will have to submit a self-declaration form that they have not tested positive for Covid-19 during the three weeks prior to the departure date to be allowed to take their flight. Earlier, passengers had to submit a self declaration form that they did not tested positive during last two months.

Sources said that the Union Civil Aviation ministry has asked the airlines to follow the updated guidelines. Earlier, on May 21, the Centre had made it mandatory for all passengers to submit the self-declaration form before a flight stating that they did not test positive for Covid-19 during two months prior to the departure date.

Officials said that the update has been made keeping in view the fact that as there are a large number of people in India now who have recovered from the deadly virus and the updated form will only help them.

"Persons who have recovered from Covid-19 and who fulfil the three-week criteria will be allowed to travel by flights if they show a Covid-recovery or Covid-discharge certificate from their hospital," they mentioned.

India has recorded over 62 per cent recovery rate as out of around 8.2 lakh people who have tested positive for Covid-19 in India till now, around 5.15 lakh have recovered.

Domestic flights started operation in the Country from May 25 after a gap of two months due to the coronavirus pandemic. Number of air-passengers as well as flights has seen a steady rise in last one month. Scheduled international passenger flights continue to remain suspended in the country.

4 of Bachchan family test +ve; bungalows sealed

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER Amitabh Bachchan and his son Abhishek, two more members of the megastar's family — Aishwarya and her daughter Aaradhya — have tested coronavirus positive, Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope said on Sunday.

Aishwarya's mother-in-law Jaya Bachchan has tested negative, the minister said in a tweet. Earlier on Sunday, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar had said Amitabh's wife Jaya Bachchan and Aishwarya had tested negative for coronavirus. The mayor's statement came a day after Amitabh Bachchan and son Abhishek Bachchan said they had tested positive for Covid-19 and were admitted to a hospital.

The mayor had said the Bachchan residence is now a containment zone and all residents have been quarantined for 14 days. Members of the Bachchan family, including the megastar's grand daughter Aaradhya, took the rapid antigen detection test, Pednekar said.

"I have tested Covid positive... shifted to hospital. Hospital informing authorities, family and staff undergone tests, results awaited," Amitabh, 77, tweeted on Saturday. "All that have been in close proximity to me in the last 10 days are requested to please get themselves tested, he had added. He has been moved to the isolation ward of the Nanavati Hospital.

Civic authorities are sanitising the residential and office premises of Amitabh Bachchan in Juhu area here after the megastar and his family members tested positive for coronavirus, an official said.

Contact-tracing was also being done, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) official said. The BMC teams were sanitising their residential and office premises as per the SoP, the official said. A containment zone banner was also be put up outside the premises, he added. Security was also stepped up outside Bachchan's two bungalows in Juhu and outside the Nanavati Hospital, where the actor and his son were admitted, police said.

Containment zone banner put outside Jalsa, the residence of Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan, in Mumbai | PTI

No atmosphere of fear over coronavirus: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah waters a sapling at the launch of the nationwide tree plantation drive by the CAPFs in Gurugram | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA is in a 'good position' in the battle against the coronavirus pandemic and the country will fight the disease with determination and enthusiasm, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday, adding that there is there is no atmosphere of fear over Covid-19.

Shah spoke after participating in a mega plantation drive initiated by the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to plant 1.37-crore saplings in their campuses by this month-end. He planted a peepal sapling at the CRPF officers' training academy campus in Kadarpur village.

"The world is seeing that if a successful battle has been fought anywhere across the globe against the virus it is in India under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi," Shah said. "It was feared that how would a large country like ours would face this challenge given that we have a federal structure of governance, dense population of 130 crore people and no single chain of command," he said.

But entire country fought the battle against Covid-19 as one nation, the home minister said. Across the globe, Shah said, governments are fighting this disease but in India everyone has joined hands.

"We are in a good position in this coronavirus battle and will continue this fight with determination. We have the passion to battle it and the enthusiasm to defeat it," he said in his address to the chiefs of various CAPFs and troops who heard him via a web link.

"As the home minister of the country, I can proudly say that the security forces of the country have a 'big role' to play in this battle fought by India," he said.

With PTI inputs

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Amit Shah, Home Minister

Maharashtra: 16 at Raj Bhavan test positive

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SIXTEEN personnel at the Raj Bhavan in south Mumbai have tested coronavirus positive, a civic official said on Sunday.

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari denied reports that he is in self-isolation, a Raj Bhavan official said. "I am perfectly alright, and not in self-isolation. I underwent relevant tests, the result of which came negative. There are no symptoms of Covid-19 either," Koshyari said in a statement.

He said he was discharging his duty by strictly adhering to coronavirus protocols like social distancing and wearing a mask. The staffers at Raj Bhavan who tested positive have been quarantined in their residential premises at Raj Bhavan itself, the official said.

If the Raj Bhavan administration asks for an institutional quarantine, the civic body would shift them to the quarantine facility, the official said. BMC's D ward has sanitised and disinfected Raj Bhavan premises from time to time, he said. "If required, the BMC would make available its medical staff to assist doctors and medical staff at Raj Bhavan," the official said.

He said two persons at Raj Bhavan recently tested positive and the Mumbai municipal corporation asked other staff to get themselves tested.

Accordingly, 100 staffers were tested in which reports of 14 persons came out positive. This takes the total number of positive cases at Raj Bhavan to 16, the official said.

Among those who tested positive are senior staff members at Raj Bhavan, sources there said.

Maharashtra, India's worst-hit state, registered a record single-day jump of 8,139 new cases on Saturday.

YES TO OXFORD

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has accepted the invitation to participate in the Oxford Union debate scheduled to be held next year, said sources at Nabanna, the state secretariat

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Jaipur	37	28	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	35	22	Lucknow	37	27
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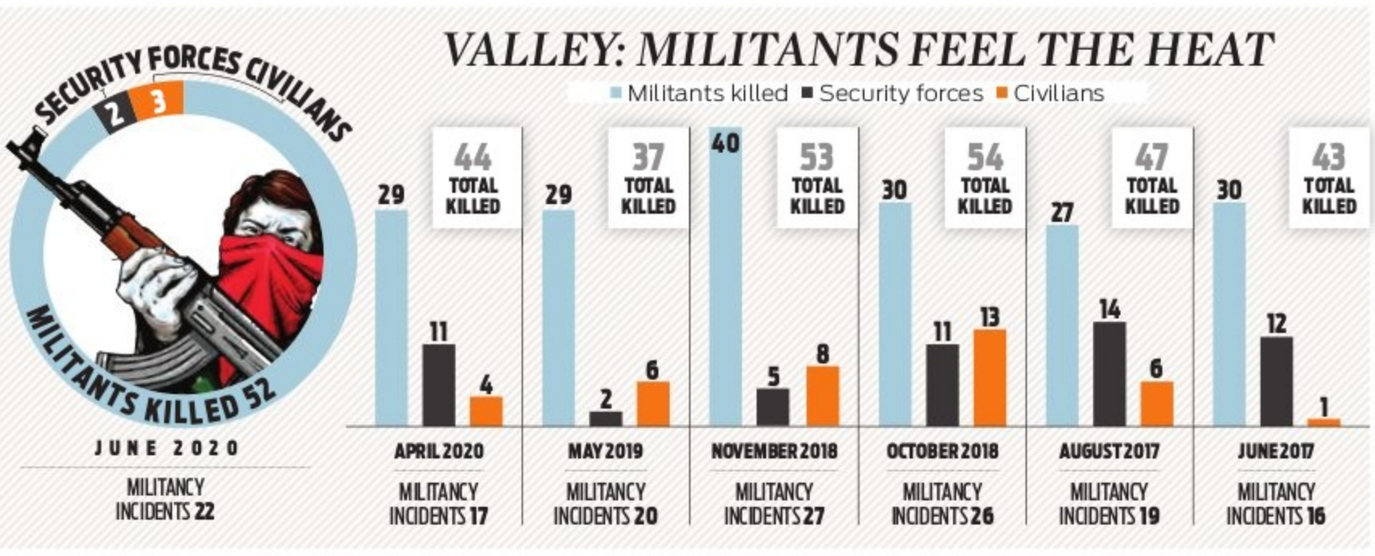

June deadliest month post-Burhan killing

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE killing of Burhan Wani in July 2016 was a watershed moment in the cycle of militancy-related violence in Jammu and Kashmir. The 'new age' militancy had arrived, and its 'poster boy' represented a casualty figure whose unraveling reached yet another milestone in June this year: the month was the deadliest in terms of militant casualties. Most of these causalities were reported from south Kashmir which continues to be a militant hotbed as these figures reveal.

Also, the number of militants killed in June is more than the figures in five months post scrapping of Article 370 on August 5 last year.

Only 28 militants were killed in August-December 2019 as the top focus of security forces shifted from anti-militancy operations to maintaining law and order. However, June saw 22 militancy-related incidents, including 19 encounters, a hit-and-run attack on forces and two civilian killings, including that of a Kashmiri Pandit sarpanch. In these incidents, 52 militants, three civilians and two CRPF jawans were killed.

Of the 19 encounters, 15 took place in four districts of south Kashmir – 5 in Pulwama, 3 in Kulgam, 5 in Shopian and two in Anantnag.

Most militants killed in June encounters were locals and belonged to Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad. The Hizb took a massive blow as most slain militants belonged to it.

Prior to June 2020, the highest toll of militants in a month was recorded in November 2018 when 40 militants were killed in gunfights with forces as a part of 'Operation All Out' launched against militants in mid-2017 after a surge in militant violence post Burhan killing. The operation was meant to regain the ground in the worst-hit south Kashmir.

Several local youth, many of them highly educated, joined the militant ranks after Burhan's killing and were later killed in encounters. In June 2017 and October 2018, 30 militants each were killed in gunfights with security forces while in May 2019 and April 2020, 29 militants each were killed in encounters.

Atul Goel, DIG south Kashmir, said that militants were killed because of better information and better intelligence.

"People are fed up with militancy and cooperating with the police," he said adding, "People are now forthcoming and cooperating with police".

Former DGP S P Vaid said killing of over 50 militants in a month is a "big number". He said the rise in militant killings may be due to more intelligence being received by police and security forces.

BJP General Secretary Ram Madhav, Union Minister Jitandra Singh (Left) pay tributes to slain BJP leader Waseem Bari in Srinagar on Sunday | PTI

Track, neutralise BJP leader's killers: Madhav

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

BJP General Secretary Ram Madhav on Sunday said militants cannot silence the party in Valley by killing political workers. He asked the government to track and neutralise the killers of BJP leader Waseem Bari and his two family members gunned down by militants on Wednesday.

Madhav also slammed leaders of National Conference and PDP for being busy on twitter and showing 'irresponsible behaviour' towards the public. He said after the delimitation process, assembly elections for the would be held at an appropriate time.

Madhav along with Union Minister Dr Jitender Singh, BJP vice-president Avinash Rai Khanna, state chief Ravinder Raina and others visited Bari's residence in Bandipora to meet the bereaved family on Sunday.

On Wednesday, militants gunned down Bari, his younger brother Sheikh Umar and their father Sheikh Bashir in their shop outside their home.

UP sets up panel to probe gangster's encounter

One-member judicial commission to also probe killing of 8 cops

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh government on Sunday appointed a single member judicial commission to probe into the killing of eight cops in Kanpur and the subsequent incidents including the six encounters between the police and gangster Vikas Dubey and his aides. The government on Saturday has constituted three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe into the empire of slain gangster Dubey and ascertain the reasons for massacre in Bikru village on July 2.

The commission, to be headed by Justice (retired) Shashi Kant Agarwal, will conduct a thorough probe into various incidents that took place between intervening nights of July 2-3 and July 10, including encounters between criminals and police at various spots, a UP govt spokesperson said. The commission is expected to submit its report within two months, he said.

After the killing of eight cops by Dubey and his aides on July 2-3, STF and police have carried out a series of encounters killing Dubey and his five close associates. Dubey was killed while allegedly trying to flee from custody while being brought back to Kanpur from Ujjain on Friday. Dubey was arrested from Mahakal temple on Thursday morning.

The judicial commission, set up under the provisions of Inquiry Commission Act - 1952 (Act number 60, 1952), will be headquartered in Kanpur. It will also look into the nexus between Dubey and his gang, police and other government departments. The Commission in its report will also give its recommendation to the state government to check the repeat of such incidents, the spokesperson said.

Special Investigation Team visits the Bikru village, where eight policemen were killed by gangster Vikas Dubey on July 3, on Sunday | PTI

Cop escorting Dubey from Ujjain tests COVID +ve

One constable of UP police, part of the escort team of gangster Vikas Dubey, has tested positive for Covid-19. However, other cops who were part of the escort have tested negative for the deadly virus. The sample of Dubey taken before sending his body for autopsy had also tested negative for Covid-19. Those who had visited the injured cops include ADG Kanpur Zone Jai Narain Singh, IG Kanpur range Mohit Agarwal, Kanpur DM Brahma Deo Ram Tiwari, SSP Dinesh Kumar P and other officials. They have been adviced to undergo Covid-19 test.

EXPRESS READ

LeT commander, 2 other militants killed

Srinagar: Three militants including a LeT commander were killed in an encounter with security forces in Sopore are in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday, police said. One of the slain militants has been identified as Pakistani militant Usman, who was involved in a recent attack on CRPF pawrty in Sopore in which a CRPF jawan and a 65-year-old civilian were killed.

Separatist leader booked under PSA

Srinagar: Senior Kashmiri separatist leader and Tehreek-e-Hurriyat chairman Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai (76), tipped to replace Syed Ali Geelani as Hurriyat Conference chairman, was arrested on Sunday. Sources said Sehrai has reportedly been booked under stringent Public Safety Act. Police visited Sehrai's residence at Barzulla, Baghat in uptown Srinagar at on Sunday morning and arrested him.

Assam: 4 dead in flood, landslides

Guwahati: Four more people perished in the flood and landslides, triggered by torrential rains, in Assam on Sunday. While two people died in the flood in Nagaon district, many others were killed in a landslide at Jorabat in Kamrup (Metro) district. The death toll rose is now up to 70 with 44 dying due to floods and 26 in landslides. In Arunachal Pradesh, the deluge inundated low-lying areas in parts of the state.

MP: Cong MLA joins BJP, gets plum post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

FOUR months after the successful 'Operation Holi' brought down the Kamal Nath government, the Congress was in for a Sunday shock in Madhya Pradesh, as its first-time MLA Pradyumna Singh Lodhi joined the ruling BJP. Lodhi was appointed the chairman of Civil Supplies Corporation Limited later in the day. With this, the Congress's strength in the state Assembly has been reduced to 91.

Lodhi joined BJP after meeting with CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan in presence of state BJP state chief VD Sharma. Lodhi, MLA from Bada Malhara seat of Chhatarpur district, had earlier met BJP national vice president Uma Bharti at her residence.

Lodhi had tendered his resignation as Vidhan Sabha member on Saturday. "I told him to take a day to rethink and come back to me on Sunday with fresh mind. He met me on Sunday, but only with request to accept the resignation, after which his resignation as an MLA was accepted," pro tem Speaker Rameshwar Sharma said.

With this now 25 seats in Vidhan Sabha are vacant. The Congress has asked for the by-polls to be held by September, but it seems difficult that they will be held by then amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Though Lodhi maintained that he had joined the BJP and quit the Vidhan Sabha membership just for development of his constituency, as development can be possible under guidance of CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and ex-CM Uma Bharti only, informed sources confided to the newspaper that Lodhi could be made a minister of state, as there is still one ministerial vacancy in the BJP government.

Lodhi represents the powerful OBC Lodhi community, which has five to six MLAs (both BJP and Congress) in the Bundelkhand and Central MP region. Former CM Uma Bharti is seen as the most powerful Lodhi leader. She was reportedly upset on no one from the community being made a minister in the July 2 second cabinet expansion.

RETURNEE MIGRANTS

'God is easier to find than a job in Bihar'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

IF you thought the economy is all about demand and supply, think again against the backdrop of the post-lockdown scenario in this Bihar village. "Sir, *ham log yaha bhagwan ko pa sakte hai, par rojgar nahi*," (Sir, we can get God but not employment). This is what Ajoy Kumar (25), a skilled iron-casting worker, had to say when asked if he had a job, at Mile-Pakri village, about 35 km from Patna, in Vaishali district.

Ajoy is among 150 migrant labourers who returned to the village from as far as Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat and Haryana following the Covid-19 lockdown.

The village is part of the Raghopur Assembly segment in Vaishali district, represented by former deputy chief minister and RJD's chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav (Lalu's son) for state polls due later this year. Most of the aged villagers are banana cultivators, while youngsters go outside the state for livelihood.

Brick-kiln owner Rakesh Kumar says he hired some of the migrant labourers when they did not find work elsewhere. Mintu Kumar (35), an auto repair mechanic, was among scores of workers who returned from Gujarat's Surat and other cities.

He says he sells 'golgappa' on a cart in the area. "We are in a strange situation where work is hard to find for so many labourers like me. So, I thought it is better to work as a vegetable or 'golgapa' vendor than wait for a job," he said.

Ditto Dheeraj Kumar (40). He returned to the village from Delhi, and though a skilled construction worker, he has no job. He says there are more than 100 others, who are masons and carpenters, but none of them has got a matching employment.

Arun and Vinay Kumar of neighbouring Bidupur village say they were hired by a private contractor who pays them ₹200 per day. "We were paid ₹600-700 per day by a flour mill owner in Punjab. We have to survive, that's all," says Kumar.

The reality of joblessness is stark in many villages: migrant workers simply kill their time playing cards or gossiping. "We have become nikkamah (useless)," says Vijay Kumar Choudhary of Mahnar village. He refused to be photographed while playing cards. Villagers say they have not been given any work under MGNREGA or other government schemes.

According to official figures, around 25 lakh migrant labourers returned to Bihar following lockdown. The government claims to have completed skill mapping of over 20 lakh such workers so that they could be given employment as per their skills.

Vinay Kumar (second from L) working for a contractor. "Where is the factory here to engage us?" he asks | RAKESH KUMAR

Mega job scheme

On June 20, the Centre launched a ₹50,000 crore job scheme for returnee migrants in 116 districts in six states. As many as 12 Union ministries pooled 25 works for the scheme. Yet, jobs appear to be scarcely available in Bihar

Bengal ministers in 'war of words'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

THE cracks in the ruling Trinamool Congress are out in the open as two senior ministers of the Mamata Banerjee cabinet engaged in a war of words over the issue of corruption in the party. After the irrigation minister Rajib Banerjee said the party's ongoing drive against in-house corruption should be aimed at not only "small fries" but also against "big fishes", the agricultural marketing minister Arup Roy accused him of echoing the BJP.

The statements from two senior ministers came amid protests against the local leadership over alleged corruption in the distribution of relief materials for people affected by cyclone Amphan.

75 cops quarantined after thief tests positive

At least 75 police personnel, including officers-in-charge of two police stations, have been quarantined in Hazaribagh after a thief, who was arrested and sent to police custody, tested positive for Covid-19. Korra and Sadar police stations in the district have been sealed and declared containment zones, barring the entry of public. According to police, a youth was trying to steal money from the cash counter of a shop under Korra police station. He was caught by locals and handed over to the police. The accused was later shifted to Sadar police station. He was found to have contracted SARS-CoV-2 two days later.

RANCHI DIARY

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Police launch portal for online complaints

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Jharkhand Police has developed a composite portal for citizens to submit their complaints and applications. This portal will help minimise contact between the police and the public. Many police personnel have tested positive for Covid-19 in the state. In the portal citizen.jhpolice.gov.in services are available under nine sections namely complaint lodging, character certificate request, tenant verification, permission for protests, employee verification, procession information, event performance information, domestic verification besides provision of download FIRs. The portal has an embedded hyperlink for central citizen services like missing person search, NOC for vehicles and reporting of cybercrime.

Two trains starting from Bihar cancelled

Indian Railways have cancelled two special trains originating from Bihar based on the request made by Jharkhand government. The Hemant Soren government requested a view of the rising cases in the neighbouring state. The decision has been taken as a precautionary measure as the safety of the people of Jharkhand could not be compromised by allowing these trains to operate in the state. According to an official release issued by the Railway Board, the Ranchi-Patna-Ranchi Janshatabdi Special will remain partially cancelled, while Tata-Danapur Superfast Special will remain fully cancelled.

26 migrant workers 'trapped' in UAE

At least 26 workers from Jharkhand, who migrated to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for employment, are trapped there for the last four months and have not been paid any salary. The workers have sought help from the government through social media saying that they have no money and are struggling hard to return home alleging that they have been confined in a room. Workers from Bokaro, Giridihand and Hazaribagh went to Dubai last year to work; they were hired by a contractor to work at Abu Dhabi by NCC Company.

5.1 magnitude

earthquake shook the northeastern Chinese city of Tangshan on Sunday. No deaths were reported

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	21 SNY	Los Angeles	29	18	SNY
Colombo	31	26 TDS	Melbourne	15	7	LC
Doha	40	29 SNY	Moscow	23	12	SNY
Dubai	38	27 SNY	New York	29	21	LC
Houston	38	26 LC	Singapore	30	26	TDS
Istanbul	26	19 TDS	Toronto	25	17	LC
London	24	15 SNY	Washington DC	32	22	TDS

VATICAN CITY

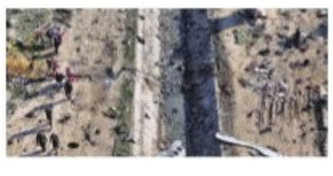
Pope laments Turkey's decision on Hagia Sophia

Pope Francis said on Sunday he was "very distressed" over Turkey's decision to convert the Byzantine-era monument Hagia Sophia back into a mosque. "I'm thinking about Hagia Sophia. I am very distressed," the pope said in the Vatican's first reaction. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Friday that Muslim prayers would begin on July 24 at the site.

SYDNEY

Aus offers residence option for HK passport holders

The Australian government says it will offer around 10,000 Hong Kong passport holders currently living in Australia a chance to apply for permanent residence once their current visas expire. Prime Minister Scott Morrison's government believes China's new national security law means pro-democracy supporters may face political persecution.



HONG KONG

Miscommunication blamed for downing of jet by Iran

Iranian investigators are blaming a misaligned missile battery and miscommunication between soldiers and their commanders for the Revolutionary Guard shooting down a Ukrainian jetliner in January, killing 176 people. The shootdown happened the same night Iran launched a ballistic missile attack targeting American soldiers in Iraq.

ORDIZIA

Spain holds regional polls amid pandemic threat

The first regional elections in Spain since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic got under way on Sunday in the northern regions of Galicia and the Basque country, with voters wary of new spikes in infections. People who have tested positive for Covid-19 are not permitted to vote, excluding 420 electors from a total of about 4.5 million across the two regions.

SEOUL

Seoul mayor's funeral to be broadcast on YouTube

The official funeral for Seoul Mayor Park Won-soon will be held online this week over coronavirus concerns, his funeral committee said Sunday. Lawmaker Park Hong-keun, who works for the interim funeral committee, said that about 100 people, including the bereaved family, are expected to attend the funeral, which will be broadcast live on YouTube.

LONDON

IS recruit from Britain dies in Syrian rebel custody

A 27-year-old student from London who fled Britain to join the Islamic State in Syria in 2014 has become the first known ISIS recruit from the UK to die in the custody of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Ishak Mostefaoui, an Algerian origin student at the University of Westminster, was killed while attempting to escape SDF custody recently.

WARSAW

Poland holds momentous, tight prez election runoff

Voting started on Sunday in Poland's razor-blade-close presidential election runoff between the conservative incumbent, President Andrzej Duda, and liberal, pro-European Union Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski. Duda is backed by the ruling right-wing party and the government, as he seeks a second 5-year term.

Both Trump and Biden have accused each other of being soft on Beijing | AP

BIDEN, TRUMP VIE TO CASH IN ON US'S ANTI-CHINA MOOD

With Covid-19 and trade war, China has become a key issue in Nov polls, say experts

WASHINGTON

CHINA has fast become a top election issue in the US as President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden engage in a verbal brawl over who's better at playing the tough guy against Beijing.

The Trump campaign put out ads showing Biden toasting China's Xi Jinping, even though Trump did just that with Xi in Asia and hosted the Chinese leader at his Florida club. Spots from the Biden campaign feature Trump playing down the coronavirus and praising Xi for being transparent about the pandemic.

"I think it's going to be absolutely critical, but I don't know who is going to have the advantage," said Republican pollster Frank Luntz. He has been reviewing the ads and thinks China is one of the three leading issues along with the economy and the handling of the coronavirus.

China is not just a foreign policy issue in the November election. It's an issue that runs deeply through the troubles with the virus, which tanked the US economy.

Voters also will be asking themselves whether Trump or Biden can best defend the US against China's unfair trade practices, theft of intellectual property rights, rising aggression across the globe.

The Biden campaign is working to portray Trump as someone who talks tough but has failed to hold China accountable for its response to the virus and has signed only the first phase of a trade deal. As the coronavirus spread throughout the US, a Pew Research Center poll in March found Americans with increasingly negative views of China, with 66 per cent saying they had an unfavorable opinion. he same poll found 62 per cent of Americans calling China's power and influence a major threat to the US.

AFP

Trump finally wears face mask in public

Washington :US President Donald Trump wore a mask during a visit to a military hospital on Saturday, the first time the president has been seen in public with the type of facial covering recommended by health officials as a precaution against spreading or becoming infected by the novel coronavirus. Trump flew by helicopter to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in suburban Washington to meet wounded servicemembers and health care providers caring for Covid-19 patients. As he left the White House, he told reporters: 'When you're in a hospital, especially ... I think it's a great thing to wear a mask." Republican governors have been moving toward requiring or encouraging the use of masks as the pandemic has grown more serious in some states in the South and West. Trump, however, has declined to wear a mask at news conferences, coronavirus task force updates, rallies and other public events. People close to him have told The Associated Press that the president feared a mask would make him look weak and was concerned that it shifted focus to the public health crisis rather than the economic recovery. AFP

NEPAL POLITICS

Won't allow party to split, says Pushpa Kamal Prachanda

KATHMANDU

AMID the political turmoil in Nepal, the ruling communist party executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' said on Sunday that he will not allow the party to split.

Addressing the Nepal Communist Party (NCP) members in his hometown Chitwan, Prachanda said that he was determined to keep the party unity intact.

"It is natural to have differences of opinion, dispute and debate in a big party, but I will not allow the party to split," he said. "If there is a dispute in the party, there are proper procedures to resolve it."

His remarks came amid speculation that the NCP could split after top party leaders, including 'Prachanda', demanded Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's resignation, saying his recent anti-India remarks were "neither politically correct nor diplomatically appropriate." Prachanda also advised the party cadres to abide by the party principles and not to run from one camp to another at the time of the crisis.

Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'

"Don't describe some leaders within the ruling party as anti-national and others as nationalist," he said, in an apparent reference to Prime Minister Oli's recent statement that some of the ruling party leaders are aligning with India to remove him from power after his government issued a new political map incorporating three Indian territories.

"Any attempt to weaken the party unity would not be in favour of the people," Prachanda said.

He urged the entire political parties and civil society to engage in a combined battle against Covid-19.

PTI

US NAVY GETS FIRST BLACK FEMALE PILOT

WASHINGTON

THE US Navy has welcomed its first Black female Tactical Aircraft pilot.

"MAKING HISTORY!" the US Navy tweeted Thursday in response to a post that Lt. j.g. Madeline Swegle had completed naval flight school and would later this month receive the flight officer insignia known as the "Wings of Gold." The Naval Air Training Command tweeted that Swegle is the Navy's "first known Black female TACAIR pilot."

According to *Stars and Stripes*, Swegle is from Burke, Virginia, and graduated from the US Naval Academy in 2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Upon instructions of my client Sri V. Ravi, S/o T. Venkatappa, R/at Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 036, the public are hereby informed that my client above named while white washing his house has lost the Registration Partition deed vide document No. 17340/2003-04, C.D. No. 49, dated 12-01-2004, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 036 on 11.07.2020, he lodged complaint before the K.R. Puram Police Station and he has obtained acknowledgement for the same, if the above mentioned document traced the same may be handed over either to the jurisdictional police or to his advocate office address mentioned below.

DAYANANDA, Advocate,
No. C-58/1, Subashnagar,
Bengaluru-560 049.
Mobile: 98840 08438

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. SAIFUDDIN S/O Late.N.Abdul Rasheed, R/at No.17, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Opp. Eidgah, Bhoopasandra, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-94, intends to purchase with one Smt.I.LILY W/o Sri.Santha Kumar, in respect of the schedule property bearing Site No.8/A, 3rd Cross, Teachers Colony, Grama Thana Katha No.261/C, Nagashettyhalli Village, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560 094, measuring East to West 35-00 and North to South 18-00 Feet, total 630 Square Feet with Ground Floor + First + 2 Rooms in Second Floor with RCC roofed building and bounded on East by : Site No.15, West by: Road, North by : Site No.9, South by : Site No.8. If anybody has got right, title, power of attorney, power, minor claims, co-parsanary rights, ancestral rights, joint family property rights, or any objections or any types of claims may file their objections and claims along with relevant and evidentiary proof documents and documentary proofs to the undersigned within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice.

V.G. Manjunath, Advocate,
No.17/3, 1st Floor, T.N. Rangaiah Complex, Vidyanagara, Near Muthoot Finance, Tumkur Main Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560 57.
Mobile: 9620399285/9448533525
Date: 11-07-2020 Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to enter into a Development Agreement to jointly develop the Schedule Property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder with its owner **Sri.K.R.RAMAMURTHY,** aged about 64 years, S/o.Late.K.Ramachandrappa, No.40, 10th Cross,12th Block, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020.

Any person/s or Banks/financial institutions having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien, charge or interest or objection into or upon the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the under signed within TEN (10) days from this date, failing which my client will proceed with the transaction and will enter into a Joint Development Agreement in respect of the Schedule Property and will obtain a General Power of Attorney to sell their share of Apartments and it will be deemed NO valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BBMP **Katha No.55/5,** carved out of converted land Property bearing Sy.No.55/5, situated at **JARAKABANDE KAVAL** Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.11-Kuvempunagar, M.S.Palya, Bangalore, which was converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide Official Memorandum (O.M) bearing No.ALN(NAY)SR193/2008-09, dt:10/2/2009, measuring an extent of **32503.5 sq.ft.,** with all the easements, rights and appurtenances attached therewith and bounded on the:-

East by : Private Property
West by : 80 feet Road
North by : land bearing Sy.No.55/4
South by : remaining land in Sy.No.55/5

A.VIJAYA SARADHY, Advocate
No.64, 29th 'A' Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560 011. Mobile:9341258884

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule from its owner **MRS. RESHMA JAABEEN** W/O.SRI.ZAKIR HUSSAIN, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/AT. 25/1. 2ND CROSS. 1ST MAIN 1ST BLOCK BYRASANDRA, JAYANAGARA EAST BANGALORE-11.

Any person/s or any organization or Financial Institute. Asserting any rights, claim or charge in the schedule property, having any claim against the property/or its owner/s to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within **15 DAYS** from this public Notice. With all documentary proof/s on which they are basing and assert their rights over the property there of after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY SITE NO.8.HOUSE LIST NO.8 COMPRISED NO.43/2.BBMP KATHA NO.8/43/2. SITE FARMED IN NO.43/2.New No.43/2A.SITUATED AT VENKOJI RAO KHANE, BEGUR HOBLI BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK AT PRESENT COMES UNDER BBMP WARD NO.189. AT PRESENT MADINA NAGAR BANGALORE, MEASURING, EAST TO WEST 35 FEET, NORTH TO SOUTH 33 FEET TOTALLY MEASURING 1155 SQ FEET.

BOUNDED ON.

EAST BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY.
WEST BY : 25 FEET ROAD
NORTH BY : SITE NO.7.
SOUTH BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY

S. RASHEED SAB, Advocate
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My client **SRI. J.V. SOMASHEKAR,** S/o. Sri. Venkataswamappa, R/at House No.406, New No.135, Venkataswamappa Estate Somashekar Layout, M.S. Palya, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560097 is the absolute owner of the land situated in Sy No.38 of Doddabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru measuring to an extent of 1 acres 10 guntas which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property.

My client learns that same third persons claiming themselves are trying to alienate the schedule Property though they have no manner of right, title, and interest over the same. In respect of the above property suits in OS No.1651/2012 and OS No.448/2020 is pending, Despite this notice if any third parties deal with any persons other than my client in respect of the schedule Property they will be doing so at their own risk, responsibility and cost and any such transaction shall not be binding upon my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land situated in **Sy No.38 of Doddabettahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru** Measuring to an extent of 1 acres 10 guntas and bounded on the -

East by : Rajakaluve,
West by : Land belonging to Kere Muniyamma,
North by : Land belonging to Smt. Sharadamma,
South by : Land belonging to Sri. Mallaiah.

Sd/- BYREGOWDA Advocate, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned that our client has proposed to purchase the properties bearing Nos 14 & 15, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road. Narayan Reddy Colony, PID No. 81-15-14 & PID No. 81-15-15, Bangalore - 560042, more particularly described in the Schedule below from Mr. V. Santharaman and Mr.V. Baskaran, both sons of S/o Late K.Varadharaj.

Any Person having any claim, title, interest against the present owners in respect of the Schedule Properties including whether by way of mortgage. charge. lease, inheritance, tenancy, leave and license, exchange. occupation. possession, easement, right of way, maintenance. lis pendens. agreement for sale or otherwise or whatsoever nature interest in the Schedule Properties are hereby. called upon to notify the same to the undersigned together with documentary proof thereof within TEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice. failing which, the claim or claims, if any of such person or person/s over the Schedule Properties or any part thereof shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and no such claims will be deemed to exist and our client can proceed to purchase the Schedule Properties. without any impediments.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1

All that piece and parcel of House Property No.14, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road. Narayan Reddy Colony, PID No.81-15-14. Bangalore-560 042 measuring 1151 sq.ft., together with ground and first floor building and bounded on the **East by** Earlier Ravi Chandran's House, Now Road. **West by** Property No.15, **North by** Kamalamma's House, **South by** Ranganarasimha Iyer's House

Item No.2

All that piece and parcel of House Property No.15, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road. Narayan Reddy Colony. PID No.81-15-15, Bangalore - 560 042 measuring 1400 sq.ft . together with ground and first floor building and private passage and bounded on the **East by** House property No.14 & passage leading to Road. **VWest by** Reserve Bank of India Residential colony. **North by** Kamalamma's House **South by** Ranganarasimha Iyer's House

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BR. OFF: #36, J C Road, Minerva Circle, Bangalore – 560002

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of secured immovable asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act")

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers and Guarantors in particular that the under mentioned properties mortgaged to Magma Housing Finance Ltd. the possession of which had been taken by the respective Authorised Officer of the company under section 13 (4)/section 14 of the Act, will be sold through e-Auction as per the terms mentioned below for the recovery of company's outstanding dues with applicable interest, charges and costs etc.

The property described is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under the Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the Rules):

1. NAME OF BORROWERS/ CO-BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS 2. DEMAND NOTICE DATE 3. TOTAL DUES + INTEREST FROM	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY & NATURE OF PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD (EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT) 3. DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTY	1. RESERVE PRICE (IN LAKHS) 2. EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKHS)
(1) Arun M C S/o Muthpah Chellasamay **(Borrower)** (2) Mrs. Loganayaki W/o Arun M C **(Co-Borrower)** 2. **Notice date:** 16/01/2018 in loan proposal number HL/0113/H/12/100181 3.**Total Dues:** Rs. 37,90,606/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Ninety Thousand and Six Hundred and Six Only) payable as on 10/01/2018 along with future interest @11.75% per annum	All that part and parcel of Property bearing Site No.7, Khata No.514, ITI Notified Area, Khata No. 114/2/20, formed in property No.20, New No. 20/1, measuring East to West: 30ft and North to South: 40 ft and all measuring 1200 sq.ft along with RCC Roofed House measuring 1000 sq .ft Situated at Sonnathammanahalli, Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now under limits of BBMP Ward No. 26 Bangalore-560016, and bounded on East by: Site No.8, West by: Site No.6, North by: Site No.12, South by: 20ft Road.	1. Date & Time of E-Auction: 31.07.2020 (11.00 am to 2.00 pm) 2. Last Date of Submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Documents: 30.07.2020 before 5 PM 3. Date and time of Inspection of Property: 24.07.2020 (11.00 am to 4.00 pm)	1. Reserve Price (In lakhs): **Rs. 57,97,400/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Four Hundred Only) 2. EMD Amount (In lakhs): **Rs. 5,79,740/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Only)

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself/itself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/ Properties, before submitting the bids.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE:

1. The auction /sale will be Online e-auction / Bidding through website **https://123done.in** on the date as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 minutes.
2. The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider Augeo Asset Management Pvt. Ltd, 8th Floor, Ithum Tower A, Plot No. 40, NOIDA (U.P), Contact Person. Mr. Durai Murugan, Cell no. +91 9841638849. Emai id:- duraimurugan.s@123done.in, please note that, Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from them only. The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of NEFT/RTGS in the account of "Magma Housing Finance Ltd", Bank- State Bank of India. Account No- 32903006646 and IFSC Code- SBIN0007502, Branch- Commercial Branch, 24, Park Street, Kolkata-700016, Branch code- **007502**. drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Bank on or before 30/07/2020 and register their name at https://123done.in and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded, e-mail and sent self-attested hard copy to {respective Manager Magma Housing Finance Ltd.) **Mr. Eshwarappa H K, Magma Housing Finance Limited, #36, J C Road, Minerva Circle, Bangalore – 560002, Karnataka. Mobile No. 8880955556. E-mail ID: eshwarappa.k@magmahfc.co.in.** 1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/poof; 2. Copy of PAN card 3. Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement 4. Copy of Aadhar Card, 5. In case of Company or partnership firm letter of authorization and copy of partnership deed/registration certificate, 6. Copy of Cancelled Cheque of Intending Bidder's Bank Account for the purpose of refund of EMD on before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above.
3. Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://123done.in** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender/e-auction document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website https://123done.in or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of Magma Housing Finance. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concern Manager **Mr. Eshwarappa H K,** Mobile No. **+91 8880955556** At, Magma Housing Finance Ltd, Address **#36, J C Road, Minerva Circle, Bangalore – 560002** on or before date and time mentioned above.
4. For further details and queries, contact Authorized officer Magma Housing Finance Ltd, name **Mr. Eshwarappa H K. Mobile no. +91 8880955556.**
5. Due Care has been taken to include adequate particulars of Secured Assets in the Schedule hereinabove. The Authorized Officer shall not be answerable/responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
6. The Secured Asset shall be sold above the Reserve Price only. Auction shall commence at one increment above the Reserve Price and bidders shall be free to bid among themselves by improving their offer with minimum incremental amount Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only).
7. Only those bidders holding valid user ID and Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT /RTGS shall be permitted to participate in the on line e-auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any time without assigning any reason. Further, the Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone or cancel or adjourn or discontinue the e-Auction or vary the terms of the e-Auction at any time before conclusion of the e-Auction process, without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
8. The sale shall be confirmed in favour of the purchaser /bidder who has offered the highest sale price in his bid / tender / offer to the Authorized officer, however, the shall be subject to confirmation by the secured creditor only.
9. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained/adjusted towards part sale consideration. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, on the same day or not later than next working day, upon the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized officer. In case of failure to deposit the said amount as stipulated, the amount so deposited so far (in form of EMD or otherwise) shall be forfeited by the Company and the Authorized Officer shall be free sell the properties once again.
10. Mere deposit of 25% of the Sale Price shall not entitle the successful bidder to get the sale confirmed in his favour. Sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor.
11. After depositing of 25% of the sale price as per above terms, the balance 75% of sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day of sale confirmation or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Secured Creditor the Company. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder as mentioned hereinabove, the amount already deposited by the bidder shall liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re- auction and defaulting borrower shall have no claims/rights in respect of property and/or amount in any manner.
12. If the dues of the Company together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the MHFL are tendered by/on behalf of the Borrowers and/or Guarantors, at any time before the date of confirmation of e- Auction, the sale of asset may be cancelled.
13. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser only.
14. The Sale Certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted.
15. The Authorized Officer or the MHFL shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the government and/or third party claims etc. in respect of property/ies being E-Auctioned, the intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arrears of property tax, electricity dues /charges/lien etc. such liabilities /encumbrances shall be borne by the Purchaser/s only.
16. The bidders should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The MHFL /Authorized Officer shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-Auction.
17. The EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within the 15 days working days on the closure of the auction sale proceedings without any interest thereon. The said bidders shall not raise any claim whatsoever in nature in this regard.
18. The Offers/bids that are not duly filled up or not accompanied by the EMD and required documents or Offers received after the date and time prescribed hereinabove or as mentioned in the auction sale notice, shall not be considered / treated as invalid offer/bid, and accordingly shall be summarily rejected and the applicant/ bidder shall have no claim against the MHFL or against Authorized officer in this regard.
19. The Authorized officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. No Claim can be made against the Company or the Authorized Officer with respect to such a decision.
20. The intending bidder(s) out of his/her/their own free SHALL, volition and discretion is/are participating in the e-Auction proceeding without any undue influence from any of the officials of the MHFL and is/are fully aware about the consequences of such e- Auction. The intending bidder shall have no recourse against the <MHFL/MFL> or the Authorized Officer in this regard and shall not be entitled for any refund of the deposited amount except hereinabove expressly provided or regarding interest on the said amount.
21. In case the date of deposit of EMD & e- Auction date is declared holiday then the date shall be automatically extended to very next working day.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

22. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby notified to pay the sum mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e- Auction, failing which the Secured Asset/Property shall be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, shall be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 13/07/2020 **Authorized Officer**
Place: BANGALORE **For MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹574.7

Target Price ₹710

Bharti Airtel: BHARTI has delivered strong execution in the last two quarters, with industry leadingrevenue growth, ARPU increase and 4G subscriber adds. Given the current economic woes and market conditions, the next round of price increase could go beyond 6-9 months. We estimate growth opportunity of ~39% in our FY22 EBITDA estimate to INR621b, generating FCF yield of 11%.

– Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd

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EXPRESS READ

NEW INVESTOR

QUALCOMM PICKS 0.15% STAKE IN JIO FOR ₹730 CR

Qualcomm Ventures has picked up 0.15 per cent stake in Jio Platforms for ₹730 crore, Reliance Industries (RIL) said on Sunday. Qualcomm is the 12th investor in Jio Platforms. "Qualcomm Ventures, an industry leader in wireless technologies, has committed to invest up to ₹730 crore in Jio Platforms at an equity value of ₹4.91 lakh crore and an enterprise value of ₹5.16 lakh crore," RIL said in a statement.

MSME LOAN

SEVERAL MSMEs SEEK COLLATERAL-FREE LOAN

Large number of businessmen in the MSME sector have approached banks for collateral-free loans to tide over the crisis following coronavirus outbreak, a Care Ratings survey said. According to the survey, nearly 70 per cent of the 345 respondents have approached banks for collateral free and government guaranteed loans, and the majority of them intend to borrow less than ₹1 crore.

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DUMPED MUTUAL FUNDS? IT'S A BAD IDEA

RAJAS KELKAR

MUTUAL funds in India have created an interesting phenomenon. They have worked as a cushion for India's equity markets. A steady flow of money into systematic investment plans or SIPs provided the necessary liquidity for the market. The mutual fund industry has aggressively marketed the importance of regular investing. Many of you have seen that and started your equity investment journey.

It was all fine up to April 2020. However, panic set in as stock markets witnessed volatility and share prices tumbled. A period of uncertainty ruled over financial markets due to the pandemic. Varying estimates on future growth confused everyone. To add to that, the Reserve Bank of India refrained from making any forecast for economic growth. That is not a good situation.

Mutual funds sell new units to investors and allow existing ones to exit through redemptions. The net amount of that each month used to be a cool ₹7,000 to ₹8,000 crore. That money was available every month to mutual fund managers to pick quality stocks at low prices. It matters as foreigners moved to a panic mode and adopted a 'risk-off' strategy exiting major emerging markets. In June 2020, the monthly 'cushion' dropped to ₹241 crore. A lot of you have jumped the gun and pressed for redemptions. The reason could be a loss of work or any other financial distress.

Even then, such a low net inflow of funds is not because people have stopped their systematic investment plans. New purchases of mutual fund units are higher in June 2020 than in May 2020. The real problem is the redemption amount. It is the highest in a long, long time. That means that people have pulled out old money from equity markets.

Lesson no 1

Equity markets witnessed volatility since the lockdown in March 2020. Benchmark indices like the S&P BSE Sensex and the NSE Nifty fell sharply in April 2020 but bounced back smartly in May and June. Many of you who pressed the redemption button, missed out on the rally after the sharp collapse. Had you stayed put, you would have picked up mutual fund units at a low price in April 2020 and added fewer units in May and June to your kitty at a higher price. Your investment so far would have got a leg up. It is important to stay invested and ride through multiple market cycles to make any meaningful amount of money.

Lesson no 2

Equity investing is not for the short-term. If you need the money in the next two to three years, you must not put it in equity markets. You are better off parking it in a debt or liquid fund. Take a step back and have a look at your income and expenditure going forward. You may want to figure out the money you do not need immediately. Invest an amount each month that you can afford to ignore for the next 10-15 years.

Lesson no 3

As you pull out money now from your long-term savings, your ability to benefit from the power of compounding diminishes—a significant impact that kicks in only after the tenth year. A cut in the corpus could leave a smaller amount in your hands when you get to your financial goal. A sum of ₹10 lakh invested today could become ₹25 lakh after ten years if you assume a compounded rate of 10 per cent. However, if you cut the amount invested now and put the money back later, you will lose the compounding effect and have less money at the end of 10 years.

Lesson no 4

Just as many domestic investors turned sellers, foreign institutional investors turned net buyers in May and June 2020, according to the data compiled by National Securities Depository Ltd. The buying was the highest since November 2019. They probably see signs of improvement in India's macroeconomic environment from March and April lows. Falling imports mean India is likely to report a current account surplus for the first time in five years. That is good news for the Indian rupee as it is expected to remain stable. Expect foreigners to stay put.

₹25 lakh

This much you could have earned after ten years on a sum of ₹10 lakh invested today, if you assume a compounded rate of 10%

EQUITY TALK

Are ULIPs the Right Choice

ASHOK KUMAR

In the last column, we addressed some of the myths surrounding Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs) and also reviewed a case where a ULIP might have been a more appropriate product given the temperament of the investor. Compulsive spenders are another category who could benefit from investing in a ULIP rather than a more liquid product that they can easily redeem and squander the proceeds.

A more recent case I remember is that of a young couple, both well employed in the IT sector and earning handsomely, but somehow perpetually facing a liquidity crunch whenever a payment commitment became due. This forced them to keep redeeming their mutual fund investments at frequent intervals, thus robbing their portfolio of the crucial compounding element that boosts returns.

Clearly, their problem was not one on the supply side as they earned well and their cash inflows were pretty impressive. Their problem area was their inability to control cash outflows, especially avoidable capital commitments like costly club memberships that they never ended up using more than a couple of times. However, their opting for not just such a capital commitment but also 'easy' EMI installments to pay it further compounded their problems as the interest rates levied on them were abnormally high.

Ever since they shifted to a ULIP a few years ago, there has been a cap on their expenses as it is not quite as readily redeemable as a mutual fund. In such cases, the limited liquidity for the first few years actually works as an advantage for compulsive spenders.

A unique feature of a ULIP is the flexibility it offers an investor to switch between equity and debt, depending on market conditions without incurring any tax liability on the switch in and switch out. With a well qualified advisor whose asset allocation skills are superior, this product can be used optimally to enhance returns or protection, depending on the objective.

Alongside, a ULIP also offers a Life Cover benefit which can be flexed if one wishes, on reaching different life-cycle stage milestones. Another deal sweetener is that ULIP premiums are eligible for a tax deduction under Section 80C. Furthermore, the returns received on maturity are exempt from income tax under Section 10 (10D) of the Income Tax Act. These are dual tax benefits that ULIPs offer.

As in case of a mutual fund investment, so also in the case of a ULIP, the objective should be to stay invested over a long time horizon and not the minimum mandatory five year lock-in period. With the right allocation mix based on a long term goal or objective, the returns over a 10 to 12 year period can quite often be better than anticipated. This is primarily because longer term tenures give enough time for the ULIP's front loaded costs to be absorbed, and for the power of compounding to kick in.

Finally, and I cite this from having seen investor behavior at close quarters, ULIPs usually inculcate a forced sense of discipline into those investors who are best suited for this product. More importantly, it ensures that they do not barter their long term goals and objectives to fulfill their near term needs and desires. And that to my mind, is the deal clincher.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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CBDT plugs gaps to check evasion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

WHEN you file your tax returns this year, you will have to brace up for a string of new disclosures in all the income tax return (ITR) forms. For instance, if you are trading in stock markets and have invested over ₹50,000, not revealing these share trading details in your ITR may now land you in trouble.

Intensifying scrutiny on all possible ways of evading taxes, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has recently signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for data exchange between the two organisations. "The MoU marks the beginning of a new era of cooperation and synergy between SEBI and CBDT," the CBDT said in a release.

The tax sleuths claim all investment and trading data will be shred on an automatic and regular basis as well as when requested by either of the parties or on suo moto basis "for the purpose of carrying out their functions under various laws."

"While the previous ITR asked for other sources of income including interest, dividend, people were not upfront in giving out details. The tax department only took note in case of a big gap in the accounts. But now,with this data sharing even the small evasion will be detected. So it is better to come out clean," a senior I-T official told this publication.

The official added that the department has also sought increasing thepenalty amount for non-disclosure of such data which would prevent even small amounts of tax evasion by retail investors. In addition, a data exchange steering group has also been constituted for the initiative which would meet periodically to review the data exchange status and take steps to further improve the effectiveness of the data-sharing mechanism.

The I-T department, in the new form, has added a new sheet, which will make such disclosures easy under Schedule 112A, recording sale of equity shares in a company listed on the stock market or an equity-based fund on which Securities Transaction Tax is paid. As the tax collection remains subdued, officials are trying to plug all possible gaps to check evasion by both big and small traders as price manipulation of 'penny stocks' has been at the centre of major tax evasion cases.

Small savings schemes remain more attractive than bank FDs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE drop in economic activity and subdued inflation do not bode well for interest rates in the near-term. The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee has already cut repo rates sharply at its last meeting, and experts say another cut may not be long in the offing. The fall in repo rates has only made fixed deposit returns even less attractive than they were earlier.

From the end of May, major banks like State Bank of India (SBI) have pared their FD rates down as much as 0.4 per cent (40 basis points). SBI now offers a rate of 2.9 per cent for an FD with a tenor of 7-45 days and 5.4 per cent for a tenor of 5-10 years (for deposits below ₹2 crore). HDFC also offers a similar range of interest — 3 per cent for 15-29 days up to 5.5 per cent for 5-10 years.

For investors focusing on a medium to long-term goal, the government's decision to leave the small savings scheme rates unchanged opens up more attractive options depending on the nature of the goal and eligibility. For instance, the Public Provident Fund remains a great choice for building a relatively risk-free corpus from a long-term perspective. The PPF offers an interest rate of 7.1 per cent currently.

However, the PPF is also a long-term investment. The minimum lock-in period is 15 years and premature closures are only possible after five years in cases of extreme need, such as treatment for life threatening disease of self or dependent and a child's higher education. Partial withdrawals after completion of five years or loans based on the balance in the PPF account is also possible.

Another small savings scheme offering attractive rates of interest for a more medium-term goal is the post office term deposit, which offers 6.7 per cent interest for five years and 5.5 per cent for three years. Anyone may open a post office deposit, even children 10 years and above, but the maximum amount that may be invested is ₹15 lakh currently.

Senior citizens, for whom SBI and HDFC offer 6.2 per cent and 6.25 per cent for a five year deposit, may also wish to examine the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme. The SCSS offers 7.4 per cent for a five year FD with a maximum limit of ₹15 lakh. For investors with girl children below ten years of age, the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana is a good option, offering 7.6 per cent and allows a maximum of ₹1.5 lakh to be deposited per annum. However, the scheme matures only after 21 years or until the girl child marries after 18 years of age.

UNATTRACTIVE

- State-run State Bank of India has cut FD rates by 0.4% or 40 basis points
- HDFC's interest range is similar to that of SBI — 3% for 15-29 days up to 5.5%

VODA-IDEA PAYS DUES TO FREE UP MF INVESTMENT

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INVESTORS in mutual fund schemes, which had segregated, or side-pocketed exposure into Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL), have received some relief. The company last week made a payment of ₹2,850 crore to seven of its bond holders. These included debt mutual funds such as Franklin Templeton India's six debt schemes, Nippon India Mutual Fund and UTI Mutual Fund. These funds had locked investments into VIL after the firm was downgraded early this year. When mutual funds side-pocket, or segregate exposure, they lock the investment made into the stressed firm by investors until the owed money is recovered from the fund. However, VIL has now made payments to its creditors, which frees up the investment locked.

Domestic gold bars to be used for futures contracts at NSE

ENHANCE PARTICIPATION

The introduction of NRS for BIS – Standard Gold- will facilitate the development of physical settlement framework in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has launched NSE Refiner Standards (NRS) for BIS — Standard Gold. This will enable acceptance of gold bars produced by domestic refiners in India for settlement of the gold futures contracts traded on the NSE platform. The NSE Refiner Standards for BIS – Standard Gold took effect from Friday, July 10, 2020. Before that, the NSE accepted serially numbered gold bars produced by London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) approved refiners for the settlement of the gold contracts traded on the commodity derivatives segment of NSE.

According to the NSE, this initiative is in line with the government's efforts to transition to Atma Nirbhar Bharat, thereby encouraging 'Make in India' program.

This, NSE said, shall facilitate greater participation from the domestic market players in the exchange traded deliverable bullion commodity derivatives by widening the scope of acceptable bullio commodity for delivery on NSE platform.

Ravi Varanasi, chief business development officer, NSE said: "With the launch of NRS for BIS – Standard Gold, NSE aims to offer a fair chance to the Indian refiners, adhering to the BIS notified standards, to be a part of the exchange settlement framework. This initiative demonstrates NSE's vision and commitment towards inclusive growth of all market participants." It will also help widen the array of acceptable gold which can be provided by the members for the physical settlement of gold contracts traded on the commodity derivatives segment of NSE.

The launch of NRS comes at a time when gold prices in India touched new highs amid coronavirus-led sharp fall in the economic activity and drop in imports of the yellow metal. Local gold futures is trading around ₹49,000 per 10 grams during the last couple of days, which translates to gains of over 25 per cent in 2020 so far. Imports were down 99 per cent to a mere 1.4 tonnes in May.

Hami wins Styrian GP, one-two for Mercedes

Lewis Hamilton secured his first win of the season and the 85th of his career with a perfectly-judged victory from pole position as Mercedes reeled off a one-two finish in Sunday's Styrian Grand Prix. Teammate Valtteri Bottas finished 13.7s adrift in second to deliver a Mercedes one-two.

'RUNNING MATTERS, BE IT 200M OR 400M'

Eager to assess fitness at events, U-20 Worlds champ **Hima Das** talks to **Indraneel Das** about targets, Olympic goal and more

It's been just two years since she won a historic U-20 World Championships gold. Hima Das is already an established brand. Hailing from a nondescript village in Assam, she stormed into the world of athletics. Many expected her to rule for a while.

But Hima endured a stifling 2019, when recovery from a back injury was slow. Her shift from 400m to 200m came under scrutiny. Now, even the Athletics Federation of India doesn't want to 'risk' her in 400m. In an informal chat from Patiala, Hima talks about injury, choosing between 200m and 400m and the Olympics. Excerpts...

Between U-20 Worlds gold and now, any other moment you recollect fondly?
I recollect the World Championship gold quite fondly. But then, for me, it was all about running. I never thought I would be participating at the World Championships, forget gold. I went there to gain experience ahead of the Asian Championships and you know about my performance there. Asian Games was a high. After that, I have not participated in any major event because of the injury.

Your next target?
Next target will be Olympics (postponed to 2021). I participated in the Doha Asian track and field meet where I injured my back. It was bad. While recovering, we didn't know whether I would be able to run 100m, 200m or 400m. I faced problems initially. It's not about 200. Whatever the federation and coach want me to concentrate on, I will do that.

Are you not facing any problem in 200m?
Right now I am fit. Until and unless I participate, I won't be able to assess whether to run 200m or 400m. I love running and want to run, whether it is 400m or 200m, or even 100m. Right now, training is not too intense.

Q&A

The Olympics is next year. The domestic season will begin in September and the international season may be early next year. Olympic qualification window is till June 29. What will be your target? 200m or 400m?
First of all, we have started slowly. For days, we didn't have practice and I think it would be better to wait a little longer. There is still a 50-50 chance that the Olympics will happen. If there is this 14-day quarantine rule, it will be difficult for the athletes also. The federation and the coaches usually take care of athletes. Considering their efforts and the programme, whatever decision the coaches and authorities take, I will abide by it. Whether it is 200m or 400m, it doesn't matter. I just want to run.

Winning last year in Czech Republic and Poland — though these were modest competitions — were you satisfied with your results?
Whether it is Poland or anywhere else, the game is never small or big for me. Whether it is 200m or 400m, doesn't matter. I love to run and that's always my priority. Any competition is big. I have to run 400m and 200m. Even in the Olympics if I have to run both, I will give my best. I am satisfied mostly. Sometimes the track doesn't suit you or you don't feel well mentally or sometimes the weather is not good. Then it becomes different. Otherwise, if conditions are favourable, then I love running. If I can get my best timing, I feel content. That's why I say I run after timing, not medals.

How is your injury now?
It's fine. Recovery is going on. After some events, we will be able to assess how I have recovered and what is required.

Injury is part of life for an athlete. Sometimes, recovery takes time. I am trying my best to recover. I am perfectly fit and practising. But then, practice and competition are different things. We can improve timing during competitions.

Are you homesick?
I remember home but because of Covid-19, it's not possible to go. Even in Assam it is not good right now. My father too asked me to not come. Who doesn't want to go home? But then I think about practice. If I don't practice now, when will I?

EXPRESS READ

City cruise, Wolves win to stay in CL fray

BRIGHTON: Raheem Sterling's hat-trick saw Manchester City blow Brighton away 5-0 to secure second place in Premier League. Gabriel Jesus and Bernardo Silva also were on target. Wolverhampton brushed aside Everton 3-0 to keep their Champions League hopes alive. The win pushed Wolves to sixth on the table, within three points of Manchester United.

Barcelona triumph, CL berth for Atletico

BARCELONA: Arturo Vidal scored for Barcelona to sneak past Valladolid 1-0 and keep the pressure on leaders Real Madrid. Barcelona closed to within one point of Madrid. Antoine Griezmann could miss the rest of the league because of a muscle injury. A 10-man Atletico Madrid clinched a Champions League berth after edging Real Betis 1-0.

Walmiki ready to go Dutch, literally

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AT a time when training outdoors is still a distant dream for most Indian sportspersons, hockey player Devindar Walmiki is set to leave for The Netherlands on Thursday night to compete in the Hoofdklasse (Dutch top division league).

Interestingly, he had got stuck in The Netherlands for almost four months before returning back to Mumbai on June 14. With his club HGC extending his contract for the 2020-21 season, the India midfielder has to join the side for the league beginning on September 6.

"I planned the return while flying back home last month. I will reach on July 17 and undergo a period of 14-day quarantine before joining the squad the next day," said Walmiki, who was part of India's 2016 Rio Olympics squad.

Given the situation in the country and across the globe due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 28-year-old had an option of staying back in The Netherlands, but chose to return. "I had to sort out a few issues in Mumbai, so I returned. I directly checked into a hotel near the airport and stayed there for seven days before isolating myself at the home for another week."

The midfielder claimed he is the first player from the country to be recalled to play consecutive seasons in the top tier of Dutch league. "The league will commence in a few more weeks. The experience of playing under a master tactician such as Paul van Ass and with players from every corner of the globe has been enriching, to say the least. I am of the opinion that playing in the Dutch league is an important learning curve in my career and my performances there should be good enough to earn me a call-up to the selection trials for the national team in the near future. That is of course, the ultimate aim," he added.

Walmiki will stay in Wassenaar, an affluent suburb near The Hague. "We have rented a flat in a three-storey apartment there. Players from Australia and Argentina also reside there. Everyone has a separate room. I will stay in my room for 14 days and continue with my physical training before joining the team."

BLACKWOOD SETS UP WINDIES WIN

SOUTHAMPTON: Jermaine Blackwood's 95 saw West Indies win their first Test against England with four wickets to spare, in a dramatic final session. Left reeling at 27/3, Blackwood, who got two reprieves, and Roston Chase (37) helped the visitors recover with a 73-run stand. Jofra Archer (3/45) dented West Indies hopes, but Shane Dowrich (20) and Blackwood's 68-run alliance took them close. Skipper Jason Holder (14 n.o) and a hobbling Jerome Campbell (8 n.o) then shepherded them over the finish line.

Brief scores: England 204 & 313 lost to West Indies 318 & 200/6 (Blackwood 95, Archer 3/45).

GERMANE JERMAINE

Making the most of two reprieves, Jermaine Blackwood's 95 on Sunday against England in Southampton saw West Indies win the first Test by four wickets | AP

Vinay yet to take a call on future

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THE future of former Karnataka captain R Vinay Kumar, who had signed a one-year contract with Puducherry last season, remains unclear. The Cricket Association of Puducherry has signed batsman Sheldon Jackson (from Saurashtra), pacer Pankaj Singh (Uttar Pradesh) and retained Paras Dogra (Himachal Pradesh).

Alongside Vinay, KB Arun Karthik has also been released. A team can have a maximum of three outstation professionals. Vinay spent 15 years with Karnataka before making the Puducherry move. However, a return back to the eight-time Ranji Trophy champions looks unlikely as he does not want to block the way for youngsters. This was a reason he quit the team in 2019.

"Any day, I will be happy to play for Karnataka, but I left the team to give opportunities to youngsters. If I come back and play for Karnataka again, I will be blocking them (youngsters). The young bowlers did well last season. So coming back, I do not know... that is not going to serve my purpose," Vinay told this daily.

Though Vinay, who has 504 first-class wickets against his name, might be without a domestic team at present, the 36-year-old is not losing sleep over it. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is no clarity if and when the upcoming season will start. Vinay is keeping a close eye on the situation and wants to give importance to his family over other matters at the moment.

"For me, safety is important. Also, if and whenever the season starts, I do not know how safe it is going to be," Vinay added. It remains to be seen if other teams come for the signature of the fast bowler. September 30 is the last date for inter-state transfers.

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE and CJM AT CHIKKAMAGALURU
P & SC No: 2 /2020
BETWEEN: SMT. S. RAJESHWARI, Wife of Sri. G.S. Mallikarjuna, Aged about 45 years, Residing at Behind Balaji Bakery, Holalkere Road, CHITRADURGA - 577 501. ...PETITIONER
AND:
1) SRI VEERESH, Son of Siddaiah, Aged about 42 years, Residing at C.K. Pura Extention, CHITRADURGA — 577 501. **2)** STATE BANK OF INDIA (Formerly known as State Bank Of Mysore) P.B. Road, CHITRADURGA - 577 501. Represented by its Branch Manager. **3)** VIJAYA BANK, Koppa Branch, Koppa, KoppaTaluk & Kasaba CHIKKAMAGALUR DIST. **4)** STATE BANK OF INDIA, Koppa Branch, Koppa, KoppaTaluk & Kasaba, CHIKKAMAGALURU DIST. ...RESPONDENT'S
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SCHEDULE
1) ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Agricultural Land bearing Sy. No. 33, Measuring about 2 Acres 22 Guntas, Situated at Talamakki Village, Koppa Kasaba Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District, having revenue Assessment of Rs. 20.96, and bounded on :-East by :Land in Sy. No. 34/2, West by: Land in Sy. No. 32. North by: Land in Sy. No. 32 South by: Land in Sy. No. 34/1. **2)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Agricultural Land in Sy. No. No. 34/1, measuring about 2 Acre 28 Guntas, Situated at Talamakki Village, (Bintrahalli Mandala) Koppa Taluk and Kasaba, Chikkamagaluru District. Having revenue assessment of Rs. 4.37 and bounded on:- East by: Remaining land of in Sy. No. 34/1, West by: Government Vacant Land, North by: Land in Sy. No.33 owned by Smt. SonuBai, South by: Road. **3)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Land in Site carved out in Sy. No. 265, presently coming under Uppalli Division of Chikkamagaluru (Undedasarahalli Village Ward No. 8), having Katha No. 556, measuring about 30 Feet X 60 Feet (Totally measuring about 1800 Sq. Ft) together with 3 Square RCC Building Constructed thereon and bounded on:- East by : Road, West by : Property of Sri. GovindaShetty, North by : Road, South by: Remaining land in site and y. No. 265 of Uppalli Village. **4)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCE OF Site Bearing No. 16, Assessment No. 3509:3509:7982, situated at Christian Colony, Mavinatopu, Chikkamagaluru Town, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 30 Feet (totally measuring about 1500 Sq. Ft) together with 35 years old house constructed thereon and bounded on: East by: Road, West By: Private Property, North by: Land earmarked for Park by Town Municipality. South by: Private Property. **5)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Site bearing No. Site No. 7, carved out in converted land in Sy. No. 504/5 and 504/6 under order of Conversion bearing No. ALN:43:94-95, Dated: 03-06-1996, measuring about East to West 47 + 34 /2 and North to South 40 Feet (Totally measuring about 727 Sq.Ft), situated at Hiremagaluru Village, Chikkamagaluru Kasaba Hobli, Chikkamagaluru Dist., and bounded on:-East by: Private Property, West by: Site No.8 of Miss.Yeshoda, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 8. **6)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Site bearing No. Site No. 8 & 9, carved out in converted land in Sy. No. 504/5 and 504/6 under order of Conversion bearing No. ALN:43:94-95, Dated: 03-06-1996, measuring about East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet (Totally measuring about 2400 Sq.F0, situated at Hiremagaluru Village, Chikkamagaluru Kasaba Hall Chikkamagaluru Dist., and bounded on:- East by: Site No. 7, West by: Site No.10, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 4 & 5. **7)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Site bearing No. Site bearing Katha No.157, of Kuduregundi Village, Talamakki Grama Panchayath, measuring 80 X 60 Feet's out of this House measuring 55 X 30 Feet's, Mangaluru Roofing House consisting of 6 Rooms and vacant place around it and bounded on:- East by: Government Well, West by: House of Gurappa Gowda, North by: House of Ganapathi Upadhayaya, South by: T M Road, **8)** ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Site and building constructed thereon in Katha No.1135, Asst.No. 1135/7275/6939/69, Measuring about East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet (Totally measuring about 1200 Sq. Ft), situated at Behind Vakkaligara Hostel, Near Bapuji High School, C.K. Pura, Chitradurga and bounded on: East by : House o N.S. Vijayendra Reddy, West by : Vacant Site. North by : Road, South by :Bapuji High School. **9)** ALL THE BALANCE in Account No. 142301011001851 in Vijaya Bank, Kuduregundi Village, Chikkamagaluru Taluk and District, in the name of Miss. Uma Devi. **10)** ALL THE BALANCE IN Savings Bank Account bearing No. 54044425126, with then State BAnk of Mysore Chitradurga Branch, Now State BAnk of India, Chitradurga Branch, Chitradurga (After Merger) together with accretion if any during course of time. **11)** ALL THE BALANCE IN Savings Bank Account bearing No. 1423010110013581, with Vijaya Bank, Koppa Branch, Koppa, Chikkamagaluru District, together with accretion if any during course of time. **12)** ALL THE BALANCE IN Savings Bank Account bearing No. 54018290176, with State Bank of India, Koppa Branch, Koppa, Chikkamagaluru District, together with accretion if any during course of time.
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The retail giant Walmart is reportedly planning to unveil a new subscription service called Walmart+ that will offer similar benefits to Amazon Prime.

At least 20 turtles were dead and dozens more were rescued after being entangled in plastic waste washed ashore on one of the world's longest beaches in Bangladesh.

Virus can remain infectious in air for over 1 hour...

... says top UK expert. WHO acknowledged recently that airborne spread is possible

MICRODROPLETS

LONDON: Wendy Barclay, chairwoman in influenza virology at Imperial College London, has said that coronavirus particles can remain infectious in the air for more than an hour.

Speaking to the BBC on Sunday, Barclay said: "It is the first time that the World Health Organization has acknowledged that the airborne route contributes to the spread of this disease."

"Of course, there are other routes as well... But what this new acknowledgement means is that the route through the air probably also contributes in some circumstances."

Barclay said the virus could remain suspended in the air and travel some distance away from the person who had breathed them out, with laboratory studies showing it could remain infectious in the air for more than an hour.

She added that replenishing the air in a room was important to avoiding spreading the virus, rather than recirculating the air like some air conditioning systems do.

Professor Barclay sits on the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), which counsels the British government on science and technical issues.

> **Laboratory studies where the virus has been purposefully put into the air tell us that the virus can remain there for more than an hour in its infectious form**
>
> Wendy Barclay, a scientific adviser for the British government

Barclay's remarks come after the World Health Organization (WHO) last week acknowledged that there emerging evidence that Covid-19 can be spread by tiny particles suspended in the air, the BBC reported.

The airborne transmission could not be ruled out in crowded, closed or poorly ventilated settings, a WHO official had said.

WHO officials have cautioned the evidence is preliminary and requires further assessment.

If the evidence is confirmed, it may affect guidelines for indoor spaces.

In an open letter published this week in a journal, two scientists from Australia and the US wrote that studies have shown "beyond any reasonable doubt that viruses are released during exhalation, talking and coughing in microdroplets small enough to remain aloft in the air."

The researchers, along with more than 200 others, appealed for national and international authorities, including WHO, to adopt more stringent protective measures.

As of Sunday, the total number of global coronavirus cases stood at over 1.2 crore, with more than 5.6 lakh deaths, according to a virus tracker from Johns Hopkins University.

STOPPING DENGUE

Dengue typically isn't fatal, but severe cases may require hospitalisation

Prevention efforts targeted at destroying mosquito-breeding sites, such as removing trash or old tires and other objects containing standing water, are still the best ways to curb the spread of the disease

But Covid-19 lockdowns and a sudden absence of funding have meant that these efforts have been reduced or stopped altogether in many countries

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Pandemic blocks global anti-dengue efforts

Dengue cases are likely to rise soon with the start of seasonal rains in South Asian countries such as India and Pakistan, along with Latin America. But the fight against the coronavirus is disrupting dengue prevention efforts. For instance, health workers who would destroy mosquito-breeding sites in New Delhi are also screening people for the coronavirus

> **The health care system is already crumbling. ... I am not sure how [India's] existing health care system will be able to handle this load**
>
> Dr SP Kalantri, a public health specialist, told the *AP*

DOUBLE WHAMMY

Any patient with fever for multiple days may need to test for both Covid-19 and dengue. It's possible hospitals could turn away dengue patients

Dengue patients need acute care, and this could lead to a double whammy that overwhelm hospitals in nations seeing a Covid-19 surge

Experts say the two diseases striking at the same time may cause complications that will make either of them much harder to deal with

Lockdowns exacerbate the problem

Staying home poses greater risks for spreading dengue, said Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA). That's because the Aedes mosquito bites during the day, and with more people staying home, where mosquito populations are high, the more likely they are to be bitten

Dengue research may be hit

The National Institute of Malaria Research in New Delhi has stopped all field work after it was converted into a center for validating Covid-19 testing kits, said Dr RC Dhiman, who studies mosquitoes and climate change

The WMP Tahija Foundation Research Laboratory in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, which has been studying dengue for years, is now being used as a Covid-19 testing site

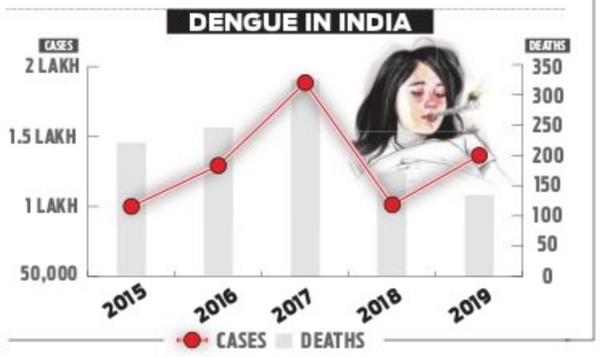
Aedes aegypti

The mosquito that spreads dengue is most prevalent in cities, and experts warn that increased urbanisation and warming temperatures due to climate change means that its range will keep increasing

100 Dengue is endemic in over 100 countries in the world

70% of the cases are in Asia

DENGUE IN INDIA



US town prints money on wood amid downturn

> **There was no trading, no selling and the city streets were dead. They looked the same at 3 pm as they did at 3 am**
>
> Wayne Fournier, mayor of the town of 1,800 people in Washington state

LOCAL CURRENCY

NEW YORK: Tenino had become a ghost town, and small businesses were struggling to survive amid the coronavirus pandemic, so local officials revived an unconventional idea from the last century: printing the town's own currency on thin planks of wood.

"There was no trading, no selling and the city streets were dead. They looked the same at 3 pm as they did at 3 am," said Wayne Fournier, mayor of the town of 1,800 people in Washington state, in the northwestern United States. "We were getting a lot of calls from businesses saying they were not sure if they would be able to hang on," he told AFP.

The town's museum had a printing press, so it was put to use to make $10,000 worth of bills on wooden rectangles, each nominally worth $25.

They feature a portrait of President George Washington and bear a Latin inscription that translates as "We've got it under control."

The money is being given as a grant to locals who demonstrate they have been economically harmed by the pandemic. Each resident is allowed up to $300 per month.

Known as "Tenino dollars," "Covid dollars" or, sometimes, "Wayne dollars" after the mayor himself, the bills are traded at almost all shops in the town at a fixed rate equivalent to $1.

The currency is good only inside the town limits.

Depression-Era tactic

The idea is not new: town officials last tried it during an even worse period of economic devastation, the Great Depression in the 1930s.

A national scarcity of dollars at the time prompted officials in Tenino to print money on spruce bark.

"The concept became 1930s viral," Fournier said, with other communities, businesses and chambers of commerce eager to emulate the town's example. Media attention piqued the curiosity of investors, and over the years the wooden currency became a collector's item sold on eBay and Amazon.

The contemporary version of wooden currency, like the previous edition, aims to help the town through an crisis.

PERILOUS CROSSING

Wild deer darts across National Highway-37 near flood-hit Kaziranga National Park in Assam on Sunday | PTI

300 wildfires blazing in Siberia amid record heat

FREAK WEATHER

MOSCOW: Russia's forest service said there were nearly 300 wildfires blazing across the vast country's northern wilderness on Saturday, as it attempted to contain them with methods including explosives and cloud seeding.

Freakishly warm weather across large swathes of Siberia since January, combined with low soil moisture, have contributed to a resurgence of wildfires that devastated the region last summer, the European Union's climate monitoring network said this week. Both the number and intensity of fires in Siberia and parts of Alaska have increased since mid-June, resulting in the highest carbon emissions for the month -- 59 million tonnes of CO2 -- since records began in 2003, it said. Russia's Aerial Forest Protection Service said it was trying to suppress 136 fires over 43,000 hectares as of Saturday. Firefighters are using explosives to contain the fires and seeding clouds with silver iodide to encourage rain, it said.

However, 159 other fires have been deemed too remote and expensive to handle, with over 333,000 hectares currently ablaze in areas where firefighting efforts have stopped, it said. The area burning is still smaller than a week ago, when the service reported fires over a total of two million hectares.

Vintage Super Mario game sells for $114K

WELLINGTON: An unopened copy of a vintage Super Mario Bros. video game has been sold for $114,000 in an auction that underscored the enduring popularity of entertainment created decades ago.

A bidder who wished to remain anonymous snapped up an early version of the pioneering Super Mario Bros. game released in 1985 for Nintendo's NES console during an auction conducted Friday by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions.

The $114,000 price eclipsed Heritage Auctions' previous record amount for a video game, which was a $100,150 bid made early last year for an unopened copy of the same game.

EMERGING MARKET

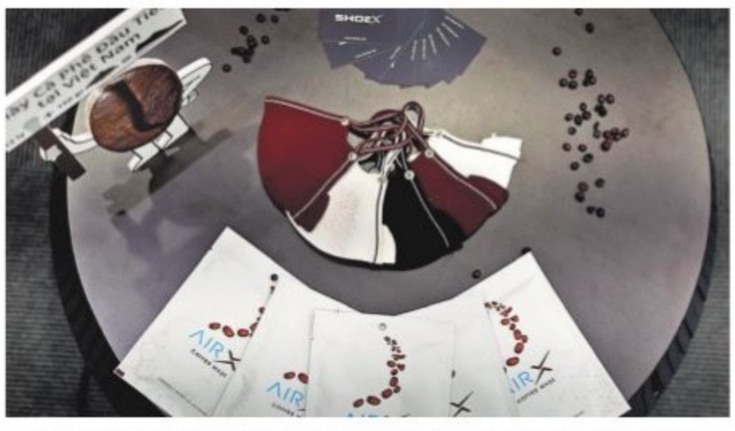
Tech-savvy Vietnam poised to become innovation hub

SOFTWARE ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON: A tech-savvy population, a fast-growing economy, and the perks of being first in an emerging market -- Vietnamese entrepreneur Le Thanh saw the potential in booming Ho Chi Minh City for his start-up transforming coffee grounds into masks.

The 35-year-old chemistry graduate worked for two multinationals before stepping out on his own three years ago to launch ShoeX – a sustainable footwear company which nimbly pivoted to masks as the coronavirus pandemic struck.

When he entered the workforce, Thanh was drawn to the higher salaries and no-nonsense working culture at foreign companies he assumed were a cut above local firms, tangled up in rules imposed by his country's staid Communist rulers.



Face masks made from coffee grounds are seen at an office in Ho Chi Minh City | AFP

"But now I see there are more openings in a place where things are a bit murky," Thanh told AFP from his buzzing Ho Chi Minh City co-working space. He is not alone in believing Vietnam -- and especially its southern commercial centre -- is poised to become an innovation hub thanks to its young, educated and digitally active population.

Vietnamese e-commerce and e-payment companies have been "flooded" with private equity in the past couple of years, said Eddie Thai, a Ho Chi Minh City-based partner at venture capital firm 500 Startups.

Their rise has been stellar.

Vietnam-based start-ups made up 18% -- or $741 million – of the capital invested in Southeast Asia in 2019, up from 4% in 2018, according to a report by Cento Ventures.

Although Indonesia remains the leader, the amount pumped into Vietnam start-ups pushed ahead of Singapore for the first time in 2019, the venture capital firm said.

Vietnam's economy unexpectedly grew in the second quarter and the IMF predicts a 2.7% expansion for the year despite the global downturn.

The country also has a huge pool of software engineers who cost substantially less than their Indian or Chinese peers.

And unlike the tech talent in wealthy start-up hubs such as San Francisco or London, they understand what consumers in the emerging world want.

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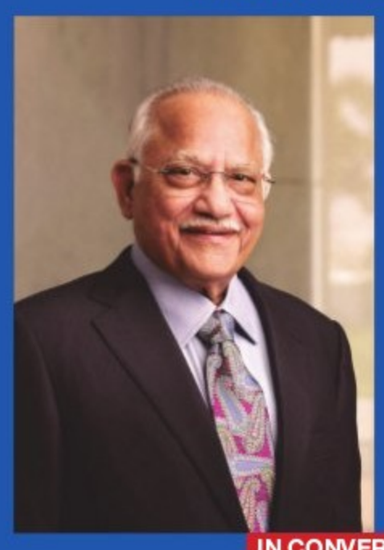

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DAY'S DIARY

Recording debut

One of the most popular American singers of all time, Frank Sinatra, made his recording debut on this day in 1939. He was also one of the most powerful showbiz personalities of his era

STARTING OUT

He started out as a saloon singer in musty little dives. He carried his own PA system. He eventually got work as a band singer, first with The Hoboken Four, then with Harry James and then Tommy Dorsey

NOT ON THE CHARTS

Sinatra cut his first record, 'From The Bottom of My Heart', with Harry James (trumpeter) on the Brunswick label. The song never hit the charts

IN THE MOVIES

About that time his film career was also starting in earnest, and after appearances in a few small films, he struck box-office gold with a lead role in Anchors Aweigh (1945) with Gene Kelly

Kannad Gothilla to be dubbed in Tamil, Telugu

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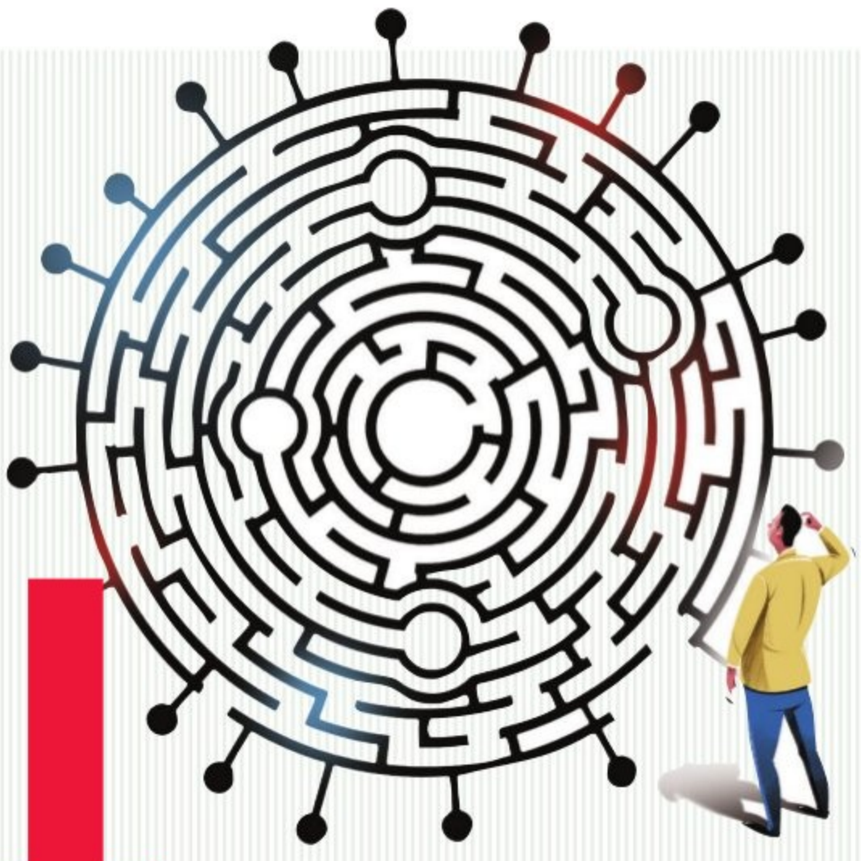
As another lockdown is announced in the city, Bengalureans talk about the measures that should be taken this week to improve the Covid-19 situation

CLOSE (D) CALL



• Vidya Iyengar

Starting 8 pm on Tuesday, the city will go into a lockdown on the lines of the first one, in March. While some Bengalureans feel this is a much-needed move and should, in fact, be extended, others point out that the lockdown is not preventing the spread of the Covid-19 infection, but only slowing it down. Here is what some prominent city residents suggest for better preparation for this fight:

Shan Re, artist

It's time that each and every one of us becomes responsible, wears a mask, protects himself/herself as well as others. Secondly , it is important to follow social distancing norms. At this time we need to stay home and safe guard our physical and mental health. As far as I am concerned I am transforming this period of uncertainty and unpredictability into powerful narratives with my artistic vision.

Dr Jyotsna Srikanth, musician and arts strategist

It's good that the government is locking down Bengaluru, with cases increasing exponentially, and contact tracing becoming difficult. The government must make use of technology to enhance effectiveness. Home quarantine is being adopted to treat mild and asymptotic cases. But the system is driven by manual effort. Home-quarantined cases can be remotely monitored centrally by enforcing geo-fencing and continuously checking body temperature.

It will also protect healthcare workers from getting infected. This also will help in tracing contacts once the international travel opens up regularly for passengers, else this will further increase the magnitude of the problem. Also, a lockdown for one week isn't enough to control the spread, it should be extended for at least a month. Once all symptomatic and asymptomatic cases are traced, quarantined and treated, efficient contact tracing at the interstate borders and airports must be enforced to stop new cases from entering the state.

Dr Brunda M S, consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital

We started well in Karnataka when coronavirus attacked us initially, with adequate measures. The problem started when the lockdown was relaxed by the government and despite repeated requests, social distancing went for a toss. This time, we have to strictly follow rules and stay at home. Those who have milder symptoms need to follow self-isolation and report to hospital only if symptoms are worsening. In addition to the Covid Care centre on Tumkur road, we need another in the heart of the city with the same strength of about 10,000 beds. That would be proper preparation for the worst. Besides this, community isolation wards should be encouraged in apartments and other places under observation of healthcare providers.

Jishnu Dasgupta, musician, Swarathma

The primary point here is that lockdowns don't prevent the spread of the Covid-19 infection, they only slow it down. In view of the rising cases and inadequate infrastructure, the first priority is to ensure the government machinery works in cooperation to prepare for cases: ambulances, hospital beds, ventilators, etc to be augmented to meet the need.

Kuncheria Maratt, partner, Uru Brewpark

We will shut operations and support the government's decision in the hope that they come out with industry-friendly measures when things get better. We hope things get better in September. We request for an extension of financial year 2019-20 to Sept 2020, GST exemption on restaurants for two years, streamlining the number of permissions required to start a restaurant which serves alcohol, excise allowing kegging of craft beer, and allowing takeaway of craft beer wherein people can come and fill craft beer in growlers.

WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY TO WEAR A MASK?

Adjust the mask to your face, without leaving gaps on the sides. Cover your mouth, nose and chin. Touch only the bands or ties when putting on and taking off your mask.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE OFF THE MASK?

Handle only by the straps or ear loops. Fold outside corners together. Place it in the washing machine or sink for washing. Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately.

WHEN SHOULD A CLOTH MASK BE DISCARDED?

Discard cloth face covering when it has stretched out, has holes or tears, or the elastic band is damaged.

HOW FREQUENTLY CAN A REUSABLE MASK BE WORN?

It is recommended that a mask be rotated out of use for at least 72 hours, since it is believed the coronavirus can't survive longer than that on an inhospitable surface.

HOW SHOULD CLOTH MASKS BE CLEANED? HOW OFTEN?

Cloth face coverings should be washed frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily. Wash it by hand or in a washing machine after use. Hot water isn't necessary but make sure you use detergent. Do not use cleaning products such as lysol, phenyl or alcohol. Masks used by patients/ caregivers/ close contacts during home care should be disinfected using ordinary bleach solution (5 %) or sodium solution (1%) and then disposed off by burning or deep burial.

• Express Features

Local film gets OTT push

Hopefully, this film will make people realise that face-to-face conversations are steadily decreasing and maybe it was time to disconnect to connect

-Prataya Saha, filmmaker

When Bengaluru-based filmmaker Prataya Saha heard that his film, *The Newly Weds*, had been acquired by Disney+Hotstar, his first reaction was cheering for the community of independent filmmakers in the city. "This carves a niche for a number of new associations to follow for city-based production films," says Saha, the director and screenplay writer of the film. The story has been written by Anshulika Kapoor who also produced the film under her banner, Red Polka Productions.

The film gives a glimpse into the life of an urban, tech savvy, newly-married couple living in an Indian city. They love each other dearly, miss each other and feel for each other, but there is something coming in between them – technology and digital devices. "The idea of this film stuck with me one day when I was watching a daughter and father sitting at a table in a cafe. In the entire episode of finishing their coffees, they did not speak a word and were engrossed on their devices. I wondered how digital conversations have replaced real ones," says Saha.

According to Saha's research, smartphone addiction cases are rising at the rate of 75 per cent each year, and the film presents how the future could be if we continue like this. "Hopefully, this film will make people realise that face-to-face conversations are steadily decreasing and maybe it is time to disconnect to connect," he says.

Once the story was written in early 2020, they approached Kannada film actors Suvin Valson and Mahesh Gowda, who has recently directed the Kannada feature film, Mahira. "Moreover, Mahesh and Suvin were acquainted and were working together on some project, so I was banking between the friendship between them to create a harmony on screen," says Saha. The team wrapped up the shooting just ahead of lockdown 1.0.

Going the minimilistic way, like he has in his previous works, the filmmaker cites the example of a scene where Suvin's character is stuck in traffic. Not having permission to shoot outside in heavy traffic, they recreated the scene in an open parking lot. "As it was a night scene and considering our shoe-string budget, we took one car with the headlights on, and placed it behind the car where the actor is seated to give the effect of a road. Since we had only two cars, we used LED lights to replicate headlights from behind to fake the effect of other cars stuck at the traffic signal. Finally, when the scene came out, it looked like a real congested road," explains Saha. With over 10,000 views on social media, and the OTT deal, Saha thinks the gamble paid off.

A still from the film

SOOTHING TUNES

Calm in the midst of storm

The end goal of the music has always been to help listeners find some kind of balance in the midst of pandemonium and unrest. I feel the album is particularly relevant in today's reality as people battle with uncertainty every single moment

-Subramanian

• Muneef Khan

City-based ambient producer Eashwar Subramanian's upcoming EP – Random Hues – comes shortly after his third studio album Across the River, which he released in late February this year. As is the case with most ambient music, the idea behind Random Hues is to provide a calming sonic palette that listeners can ease themselves into as they go about their daily chores or retreat to a personal space at the end of a hard day. "The end goal of the music has always been to help listeners find some kind of balance in the midst of pandemonium and unrest. I feel the album is particularly relevant in today's reality as people battle with uncertainty every single moment," says Subramanian, who wanted to fill the listener with goodness and peace through this album.

The EP, which is set to release under city label Subcontinental Records on August 1, offers six tracks. Subramanian states that while work on the EP started around the same time as Across the River, the period of development, however, was much longer. Unlike other albums where he was composing tracks every two days, here Subramanian took as much as a month to put out a new track. Calling it an iterative process, he explains, "When I started on this album, it was just about three tracks, but then with the pandemic setting in and engagements on other projects, it took as much as a month in some cases to finish some tracks, which had been laid out in December."

Speaking about the songs, he states that for the most part, the tracks would create imagery that resonates with the listener's state of mind. "Ambient works lend themselves to a story that the listener is playing in their mind at any given point in time. So my hope with the album is that it serves as a soundtrack for the mindscape of the listener, taking them from a point of abstraction to a certain space that's their own," he explains. Unlike his previous works, Subramanian has attempted tweaks with some tones and textures that oscillate between a conventional musical structure to an abstract-like approach.

While the current year has been musically busy for Subramanian, the ongoing pandemic has also shifted his focus on releasing singles every month as a means to support people. This year will see him go live with his material, which he asserts has now taken a back seat. "The idea has been to create a sonic experience over a visually appealing one and I feel that ambient music in the current time is best heard in isolation," he says.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST BARS

INGREDIENTS

- **Amaranth/ rajgira:** 2 tbsp
- **Jaggery:** 6 tbsp
- **Water:** 2 tbsp
- **Ghee:** 1/4 tsp

METHOD

- Pop the amaranth in a kadai. If you are using popped amaranth, use 1/2 cup and skip this step.
- In the same kadai, pour ghee, jaggery and water. Boil in simmer for 6-7 minutes. Stir continuously.
- Remove from heat. Quickly mix the amaranth.
- Press the mixture into a greased plate with your hands.
- After 2-3 minutes, cut it into bars. Let it set for five more minutes, then serve.

– by Diya Agrawal, Bengaluru

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

DOTS & DESIGNS

PETAL DELIGHT

- First draw the outline of the design.
- Then start sprinkling colours. Always start from the centre.
- Start with the navy blue colour on all four sides in the centre.
- Next use dark pink for the petals.
- On top of it, add yellow and then orange with other detailings.
- Next, make the green layer.
- To give a 3D effect, spread the light green colour first, and sprinkle some dark green colour between the petals.
- Finally, draw the white lacy outline.

– by Thilagalakshmi Sridharan

BRIGHT SPOT

PLANTING SAFETY

Nearly 21 years ago, retired army jawan, Krushna Chandra Biswal began planting palm, jamun, mango and other fruit saplings along the coastline of his village, Gundalaba, in Odisha's Puri district. Today, he has planted around 50,000 saplings over an area of 5 km up to the Gumuti Keshab temple of a nearby village (Daluakani) with the hope that this effort will result in tree cover that will stand as a bulwark against cyclones and help prevent soil erosion. He took the step when he came back to his village in 1999 after Odisha had witnessed a cyclone. He took up environmental protection in 2005 after his retirement. He spent his pension money to procure seeds. His plants have helped villagers stay safe from the havoc of the subsequent cyclones.

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FIT BIT

PRASARITA PADOTTANASANA

(WIDE-LEGGED FORWARD FOLD POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'prasarita' means 'extended', 'pada' means 'foot', 'utta' means 'intense' and 'asana' means 'pose.' It energises the first three chakras – Muladhara (root), Svadisthana (spleen or sacral) and Manipura (solar plexus or navel). It helps promote a sense of stability, productivity and self-acceptance. It is also good to activate Mula bandha (root lock) and Uddiyana bandha (upward abdominal lock).

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana.
- Inhale, place your hands on the waist. Keep your legs 4 to 5 feet apart.
- Then, tighten your quadriceps and draw your kneecaps up. Exhale, fold forward at your hip joints and place your palms on the floor directly beneath your shoulders.
- Now, inhale and lift your gaze. Maintain spinal extension. Keep your back in a concave pose and lift your chest forward.
- Exhale, bend your elbows and rest the crown of your head on the floor, keeping body weight on your legs. Adjust your head and palms so that they are directly between your feet (feet, palms and head in a straight line).
- Remain in this pose for 30 seconds. Breathe deeply and evenly.
- To exit, inhale, raise your head from the floor and straighten your arms as you return to step 4.
- Exhale and return to step 2.
- Jump back to Tadasana.

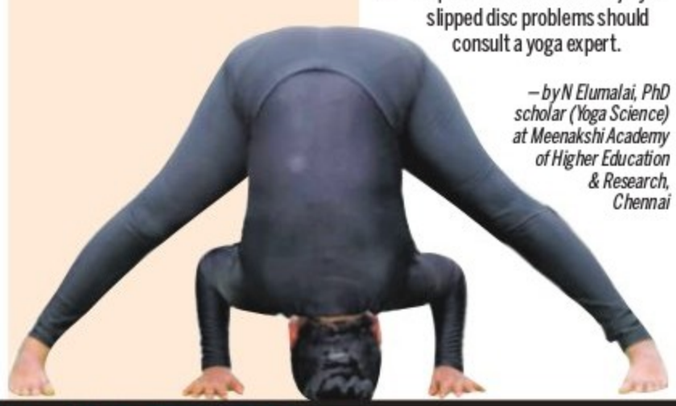
BENEFITS

- Stretches hamstrings, calves, glutes and lower back.
- Improves hip joint flexibility.
- Strengthens the feet.
- Lengthens spine.
- Improves posture.
- Provides rest to the heart.
- Good pose for stress, anxiety, and depression.
- Challenges both strength and flexibility.
- Keeps your pelvis, sacroiliac joint and spine neutral, while the active rooting of your feet and legs allows your upper body to be soft and receptive.

LIMITATIONS

- Don't force or push your body unnecessarily.
- If you have recently had an abdominal or hernia surgery, avoid this.
- If you have lower back or knee problems, avoid this.
- People with head or neck injury or slipped disc problems should consult a yoga expert.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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Friends Dustin Ross, HeyFranHey and Assante explore mental health, mental wealth and mental hygiene. They discuss topics such as dating during quarantine, racism and more.
- On Google Podcast

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KENDASAMPIGE
Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.
- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish, Rajesh Nataranga

BRINDAVANA
Brindavana is a 2013 Indian Kannada romantic comedy film starring Darshan, Karthika Nair and Milana Nagaraj in the lead roles and also featuring Saikumar and Sampath Raj. A remake of the 2010 Telugu film Brindavanam, it was directed by K Madesh and produced by Suresh Gowda for Sri Seethabaireshwara.
- Cast: Darshan, Karthika Nair

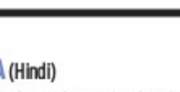
OM
Satya, the son of a priest, leads a straightforward life until he meets the girl of his dreams. His love for her drags him into the world of crime, making him lose everyone he is close to.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Prema

RED
Red is a local goon who is passionate about reforming children via education and development. While working towards his noble causes and dealing with his rivals, he also tries to help a girl he loves.
- Cast: Ajith, Priya Gill, Salim Ghouse

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE LAST CHIEF OF THE COMANCHES AND THE FALL OF AN EMPIRE BY DUSTIN TAHMAHKERA
Late one night in 1871, a group of riders descended on a sleeping army camp, stole about 70 horses, and disappeared. Led by a young chief named Quanah Parker, the raid was the latest in a long series of altercations along the Texas frontier between indigenous people and United States forces. Dustin Tahmahkera details Parker's life.



2 THE CHEMISTRY OF COOKIES BY STEPHANIE WARREN
You stick cookie dough into an oven, and magically, you get a plate of warm, gooey cookies. Stephanie Warren explains via basic chemistry principles and what indicates that the cookies are ready.

3 THE ETHICAL DILEMMA OF SELF-DRIVING CARS BY PATRICK LIN
Self-driving cars will ultimately be safer and cleaner than their manual counterparts, they can't completely avoid accidents altogether. Patrick Lin navigates the murky ethics of self-driving cars.

4 WHY SHOULD YOU READ JAMES JOYCE'S "ULYSSES"? BY SAM SLOTE
Widely considered to be both a literary masterpiece and one of the hardest works of literature to read, it inspires such devotion that once a year, thousands of people all over the world dress up like the characters, take to the streets, and read the book aloud. So what is it about this novel that inspires so many people?

5 WHY IS COLONIALISM (STILL) ROMANTICIZED? BY FARISH AHMAD-NOOR
Colonialism remains an inescapable blight on the present, lingering in the toxic, internalised mythologies and stereotypes that have outlived the regimes that created them. The talk examines why these prejudices and narratives persist.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MUNDINA NILDANA (Kannada)
Three people with different goals set out on a liberating journey to find the next stage of their lives.
- Cast: Ananya Kashyap, Radhika Narayan, Praveen Tej
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)
An honest cop, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam. A scam that is bigger than demonetisation, but things go haywire.
- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta N. Simha, Achyuth KumarMayabazar 2016
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

JERSEY (Telugu)
Arjun, a talented but failed cricketer, decides to return to cricket in his late thirties driven by the desire to represent the Indian cricket team and fulfil his son's wish for a jersey as a gift.
- Cast: Nani, Shraddha Srinath, Harish Kalyan, Ronit Kamra
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

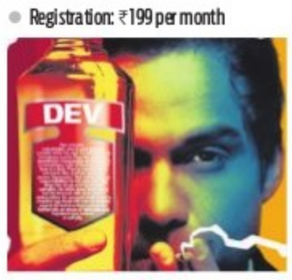
ALIDU ULIDAVARU (Kannada)
The story revolves around a popular TV host and myth-buster of superstitions, who is working on the 100th episode for his show. Caught in the business of numbers, TRPs and relationship tangles, this psychological thriller uncovers the secret that is haunting him.
- Cast: Ashu Bedra, Atul Kulkarni, Pawan Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

PRATHI POOVANKOZHI (Malayalam)
An ordinary saleswoman, who lives alone with her mother, refuses to suffer in silence and sets out in search of her sexual predator, with unexpected consequences.
- Cast: Manju Warrier, Rosshan Andrrews, Anusree, Grace Antony
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

AISHA (Hindi)
Aisha, who loves playing matchmaker much to her friend Arjun's disapproval, finds a new target in the simple Shefali. But in the process, she ends up ruining her own relationship with close friends.
- Cast: Amrita Puri, Sonam K Ahuja, Abhay Deol, Lisa Haydon, Ira Dubey
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

DEV.D (Hindi)
After breaking up with his childhood love Paro, Dev finds solace in drugs and alcohol. He soon bumps into Chanda, a prostitute, and falls for her.
- Cast: Abhay Deol, Mahie Gill, Kalki Koechlin
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

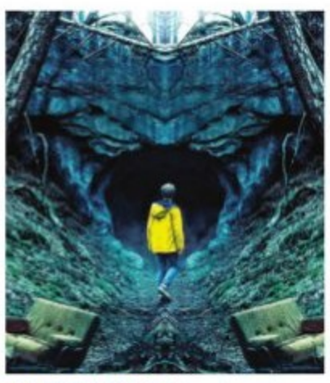


ENGLISH/ FOREIGN

JURASSIC PARK (English)
John Hammond, an entrepreneur, opens a wildlife park containing cloned dinosaurs. However, a breakdown of the island's security system causes the creatures to escape and bring about chaos.
- Cast: Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

LANTANA (English)
Leon, a Sydney police detective is cheating on his wife, Sonja, with a married woman, even though he still loves his wife. Soon a woman's body is found in a tangle of Lantana forest.
- Cast: Anthony LaPaglia, Kerry Armstrong, Barbara Hershey, Geoffrey Rush
- Watch on: Mubi
- Registration: ₹ 499 per month

JULIA (French)
Julia is an alcoholic on the constant decline. She meets with a Mexican woman estranged from a son, and is willing to give her loads of money, but the plan is to kidnap the boy from his grandfather.
- Cast: Tilda Swinton, Aidan Gould, Kate del Castillo
- Watch on: Mubi
- Registration: ₹ 499 per month



DARK: SEASON 3 (Series, German)
The time-twisting madness reaches its conclusion in a strange new world, where some things are quite familiar – and others are disturbingly not.
- Cast: Louis Hofmann, Lisa Vicari, Maja Schöne, Jördis Triebel, Oliver Masucci
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

STAYING AFLOAT

Undeterred by the absence of much fanfare or grand fashion shows, designer Aviva Bidapa launches her second swimwear collection

Model in Aviva Swimwear

• Monika Monalisa

A grand launch was what **Aviva Bidapa** had planned for the launch of the second collection of her swimwear line. But her plans took a completely different turn due to the Coronavirus outbreak. But taking things in her stride, the fashion designer is now promoting her new collection digitally, even getting a shoutout from actor Anushka Sharma on Instagram.

"Anushka has always been a gem of a person. I had just sent her a box containing some of my work as a gift. But she posted it on social media, and that meant so much to me. She didn't have to do that but it was a sweet gesture from her side," says Bidapa, the daughter of popular fashion consultant Prasad Bidapa.

Talking about her new collection, which was supposed to come out in March-end, she says it has been designed keeping every body type in mind. "If someone picks a swimwear that means they want to wear something easy and have a good time. I wanted to come up with something that fulfilled those two primary requirements. That's why some of my pieces have full sleeves or some of them are one-piece suits to keep the tummy area covered," says Bidapa, whose swimwear line is called Aviva Swimwear.

Having been exposed to the fashion industry at an early stage, Bidapa has worked with models with 'perfect' bodies, but she has no qualms in admitting that she too grew up with body image issues. "While growing up, I was always a chubby kid and struggled with my body. I used to dread going to poolside parties. Now, I don't want to be the one who tells people if their body is suitable for swimwear or not," she says, adding that the best part of her collection is that people are free to pick the top and bottom of different sizes according to their body.

The venture was started by her father, but Bidapa says she took to it like fish to water, doing her own research and working with various designers to understand the basics of designing swimwear. "My father clearly told me that for this venture I am on my own. So I did my research by working with designers like Ajai Vir Singh, who runs his swimwear label called Pigeon Island in Sri Lanka and has been one of the main persons behind Colombo Fashion Week," say Bidapa, who also wanted to bridge the gap between streetstyle brands and designer collections through he collection.

"I wanted the collection to have a designer feel and an affordable price," she says, adding that the collection priced starting at ₹1,000.

Though the Covid-19 outbreak has become a spoiler for the launch, she is sure that people would not mind shopping now since "they are classic pieces which are a must-have in the wardrobe". Bidapa was gearing up to launch her next collection in December this year, but due to the pandemic, she now hopes that it will be out in March 2021.

COMING TOGETHER FOR EDUCATION

• Express Features

The new normal for education has brought about the need to go online, which often comes with a host of challenges. Noticing how the situation was frustrating for both students and faculty, **Sameera Fernandes**, dean of academic affairs at St Francis College, decided to curate an international intercollegiate e-festival to lighten the mood in these times. With an aim to encourage the learning community at large, the event is open not only to students, but faculty and management staff as well. "Teachers also need encouragement right now because if they are happy, they will naturally pass on the positive vibes to students too," says Fernandes.

Titled Confluence 2020, the initiative kicked off on July 8 and has over 40 events such as beat boxing, business planning, interior design, quizzes, debates, singing and dancing events. So far, 450-500 colleges and 1,000 individuals have registered for the e-festival. "We are seeing participating from USA, UK, UAE and Israel as well," adds Fernandes. The submissions are screened by a jury comprising faculty members from non-competing colleges. "The group singing and dancing events have been quite popular with participants. Since group events are difficult to carry out right now, we've asked people to send entries with their family members instead," says Fernandes.

The event concludes on July 15, which is also the UN World Youth Skills Day, when a panel discussion will be held on the theme 'Educating the Next.' Panellists include Israel-based Alisa Eshet Moses, director - Asian Arab Chamber of Commerce; Asif Iqbal, president, Indian Economic Trade Organisation; IPS officer D Roopa Moudgil; and Sebastien Hug, CEO and Consul General, Swissnex India. "The suggestions of these various thought leaders will then be sent to University Grants Commission and All India Council for Technical Education so that they can refer to it for future changes in the education sector," says Fernandes.

Running for a cause

• Express Features

Suman Nagarkar has always been known for doing things out of the box. This time, the actor -director is running with her husband and runners from Mumbai and Bengaluru to provide aid for those affected by COVID-19.

An avid marathoner herself, Nagarkar has joined the initiative of Bangalore Runners, a group of about 25,000 runners, wherein 20 of them run consecutively for 20 days from July 1 to July 20, each running 20km a day – a total of 400 km – to raise money for charity. All the money raised for the initiative will go to Sai Vishwanath Memorial Trust to support and feed the needy.

"My husband, Gurudev Nagaraja, and I had run multiple marathons while we were in US. This is the first time I am doing something like this," says Nagarkar, who has already run 50 half marathons and 25 full marathons. She adds that all the precautions were taken during the run. "We avoided uphill climb because it could have tired us faster. Also we opted for early morning runs to avoid contact with people," says Nagarkar, adding that the run also helped them stay fit during the lockdown.

After a sabbatical from acting, Nagarkar returned to Sandalwood a few years ago and was recently seen in the lead role in a film called *Babru*, which was her first production and was the first-Kannada film fully made in the USA.

For the season and a reason

• Vidya Iyengar

Monsoon brings with it the urge to gorge on pakoras. And along with the season also come increased chances of infections. However, with the raging pandemic, deep-fried snacks that are synonymous with the rain, are best avoided, according to experts. "As much as they say that rains are all about pakoras, bajjis and bondas, the high-fat content in these can slow down your digestion and cause trouble. Using an air fryer or an oven is a good alternative. Also, make sure that oils are not reused over and over, as that too can cause digestive problems," says Abhilasha V, senior clinical nutritionist, Cloudnine Group of Hospitals. Restorative fluids like ginger soup, which is comforting on a cold, rainy day, help prevent the cold, cough and fevers associated with the season, she adds.

Chef Nikhil Baveja from Hard Rock Cafe suggests that mushrooms and seafood should be avoided too. "A lot of garlic and turmeric can be included in food during these times since they have antiseptic properties. Vegetables like beans, bitter gourd and lady finger which are rich in Vitamin-C, magnesium and antioxidant properties are also good options," he says, while also including fruits like apples, jamun, litchi, plums, cherries, peaches, papayas, pears and pomegranates in the list of recommendations to improve the immune system.

Tea, of course, remains the top monsoon beverage, since it can be an immunity booster. "Monsoons are anyway synonymous with chai and the different herbs used to make it can give a great boost to immune systems," says Raghav Verma, co-founder, Chaayos. "For example, ginger is rich in antioxidants and has anti-inflammatory properties, while tulsi is rich in Vitamin-C and zinc, and black pepper warms the body and rids it of toxins. It goes great with chai and works wonders for a sore throat," he adds.

With a sharp decrease in physical activities these days, Pavithra N Raj, dietician, Columbia Asia referral hospital Yeshwanthpur, gives four major foods that need to to be incorporated in the diet during this season -- proteins to fight against infections, antioxidants to protect the cells against free radicals, zinc to build immunity, and Vitamin-D for the nerves and bones. "Use black pepper in omelettes, soups and khichdi, since it helps in maintaining the body temperature in monsoon, consume milk with turmeric as it helps relieve stress, and munch on nuts and oil seeds for protein. If at all you are consuming food outside, ensure that the water is safe. You can also boil cumin and ajwain seeds in water, and consume it to aid digestion," she says.

WATCH OUT

Foods to Avoid	Associated Risks
Raw foods from outside like salads and cut fruits	Contamination during monsoon
Pani puri, gola, kulfi, cart-sold juices	Bacterial overgrowth
Half-cooked eggs and undercooked meat	Food poisoning
Green leafy vegetables	Larvae
Seafood	Breeding season; old stock in shops
Deep-fried food	Digestive troubles

CARROT GINGER SOUP

1. In a cooker, saute one chopped onion in one teaspoon oil or butter.
2. Add one piece of ginger, half teaspoon turmeric and saute well. Add four chopped carrots. Saute for some time and add water.
3. Pressure cook for two whistles. Cool, blend and serve hot with some pepper sprinkles.
4. You can also add some ginger powder for more zing.

CITY READ

New store inaugurated

Girias inaugurated its 86th store at Doddaballapura. MLA T Venkataramanaiah was present on the occasion, along with director of Girias Naveen Giria and building owner Puttaraju.

New policy to cover COVID-19 treatments

HDFC Ergo, a non-life insurance provider, has launched its Corona Kavach policy, which will offer cover against medical expenses incurred due to hospitalisation of individuals seeking treatment for COVID-19, in a government authorised diagnostic centre. The policy will also cover expenses incurred on treatment of co-morbidity along with treatment for COVID-19.

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

Bulk up on Bundles

As CD drives are becoming as much a novelty as the headphone jack, it is time for a completely unnecessary nostalgic activity. Search your cupboards for a CD binder, dramatically blow the dust off its surface and search for this staple – "100+ videogames in one CD!". The freeware era was a glorious one, long and boring hours spent searching excitedly for a new game (more than playing it).

Look at the CD for a good few seconds to try inducing some nostalgic tears, try running it on your system (if it even works), save a few games that have aged well, and then throw the CDs in the recycle bin (a real one). We have moved on from this for good reason – there are now bigger and better videogame compilations, termed "Bundles".

Itch.io is a marketplace for independent game developers to sell content. Recently, they released a bundle with over 1,000 games, with the proceeds from the purchase going to funds supporting racial justice and equality. Unlike the days of yore compilations, this bundle has more hits than misses. While it includes well-known indie releases like Celeste, A Short Hike, and Night in the Woods, we will suggest here and in successive articles some memorable ones that might be missed.

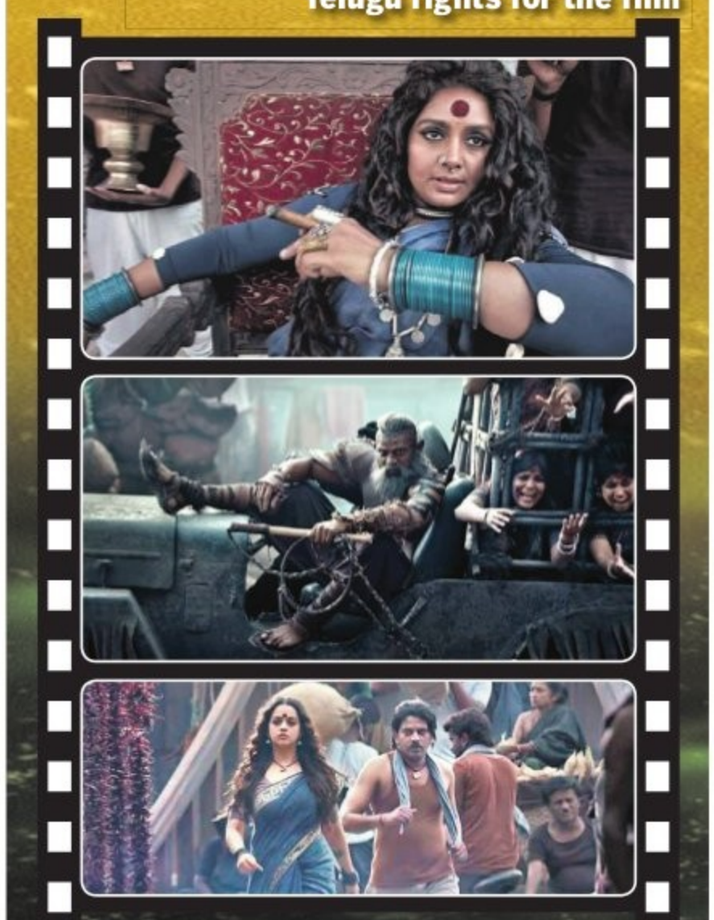
OneShot clicked from the start with its fourth-wall breaking elements and cute in-game interactions. The cat-child Niko (unlike the Serbian from GTA IV that loves bowling), finds themself in a dark and sombre world, armed with a lit bulb. It takes a bit of imagination to break the modern gamer's expectation of a fast-paced, action-fuelled video game, and OneShot succeeds. The game is primarily story-driven, however, there are a variety of difficulties in the in-game puzzles, some of which would even make you take a paper and pen out and consider it for a while. The whole game feels like taking a restful nap interrupted only by a mildly unpleasant dream.

In Mewnbase, a cat finds itself on the moon. Interestingly, the space-cat has found itself a niche genre in videogames – with Gato Roboto being another popular one. This particular astro-kit game is similar to 'Don't Starve', with its day-night cycles, and easy research progression. It is all about finding the right oxygen-power-food balance and collecting just enough resources to build a cute moon-buggy. The above games barely scratch the surface of what the bundle offers – but more in future articles. A full Purr out of 4 for the above cat-themed games from the bundle.

BHAJARANGI-2

TEASER GARNERS ATTENTION BEYOND SANDALWOOD

Director Harsha gets his first inquiry from Tollywood filmmakers, who have shown interest in picking up Telugu rights for the film



When I started writing this script, I realised that it is a universal concept and can be brought out in different languages
— A Harsha, director
Shivarajkumar

A Sharadhaa

The teaser of Shivarajkumar's upcoming film, *Bhajarangi 2*, released by the makers on Sunday morning on the actor's birthday, opened to an overwhelming response. It received a thumbs-up from the Century Star's fans while critics and filmmakers across the south Indian film industries as well as from Bollywood applauded it. The teaser, which is less than two minutes long, is loaded with drama and action. It begins with the shloka, *Vaidyo Narayano Harihi,* that explains the universal concept that God created human beings and left nature to provide remedies and medicines. It gives a glimpse of all the characters, including the lead hero, Shivarajkumar, along with Bhavana, Shruti and Loki. Actor Cheluvaraj's role has also garnered a lot of attention.

"My phone has not stopped ringing since the teaser was released," says an excited director, revealing that he has been getting inquiries from filmmakers of other industries about whether he has any plans of releasing the film in their languages. "A Telugu filmmaker has already initiated talks with me," says Harsha, adding, "When I started writing this script, I realised that it is a universal concept and can be brought out in different languages. The talks are just in initial stages, and we need to have a few rounds of discussions before we finalise on something."

According to Harsha, everything that has gone into the making of the film has been an experiment from his side. "This includes the sets, costumes, and properties. I wanted to show this fantasy drama with a lot of grandeur, and I am glad about the way people have received it," says Harsha.

Along with Shivanna, the one other actor who makes a strong presence in the teaser is Cheluvaraj, who is said to play one of the antagonists in the film. Harsha says the audience will go crazy over Cheluvaraj's performance. "Cheluvaraj and other artistes like Girish and Prasanna have previously worked in 10-20 films, and are usually seen along with the main villains. They have now been brought to the forefront, and will be seen in prominent roles in *Bhajarangi 2*," explains Harsha.

The film has been produced by Jayanna and Bogendra. It has music composed by Arjun Janya and cinematography by J Swamy.

SHIVARAJKUMAR'S NEW FILM WITH RAM DHULIPUDI GETS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

CE Features

Production No 1, Ram Dhulipudi's directorial venture starring Shivarajkumar, took off with a script pooja on the actor's birthday. The team also revealed the first-look poster on the occasion. Presented by Balasreeram Studios, the film is a love action drama and features Shivarajkumar as an army officer. The project, which has been tentatively titled Production No 1, will be the first one for the director, who had earlier worked in films produced by Dil Raju. The film will be produced by Swathi Vanapalli, Srikanth Dhulipudi and Narala Srinivas Reddy, and co-produced by Kudupudi Vijaykumar. The makers are in the process of finalising the star cast, and have brought on board music director Srichaaran Pakala and cinematographer Ravi Kumar Sana.

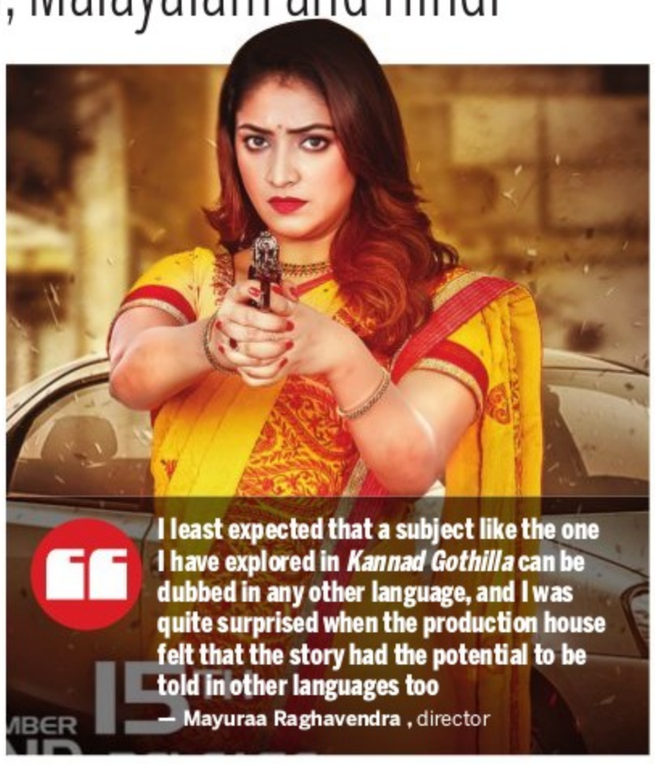
Kudipudi Vijaykumar, Ram Dhulipudi, Shivarajkumar and Narala Srinivas Reddy

Mayuraa Raghavendra's *Kannad Gothilla* to be dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi

CE Features

Former RJ Mayuraa Raghavendra's directorial debut, *Kannad Gothilla*, which has received good response on Amazon Prime, will now be dubbed and released in four other languages. "The film witnessed positive reviews on streaming platform. After this success, Sanjay Lalwani Productions has bought the dubbing rights for the movie in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi," says the director. The thriller has been produced by RamaRathana Productions owned by Kumara Kanteerava and stars Haripriya in the lead role, along with Sudha Rani and Sihi Kahi Chandri in prominent roles. "I least expected that a subject like the one I have explored in *Kannad Gothilla* can be dubbed in any other language, and I was quite surprised when the production house felt that the story had the potential to be told in other languages too. They have taken the rights for theatrical as well as OTT release, and it is for them to see which platform they want to go with. However, I am glad that this first film of mine will reach out to many audiences," says Mayur.aa The film's music was composed by Nakul Abhyankar while Giridhar Diwan worked as the DOP.

Mayuraa Raghavendra


I least expected that a subject like the one I have explored in *Kannad Gothilla* can be dubbed in any other language, and I was quite surprised when the production house felt that the story had the potential to be told in other languages too
— Mayuraa Raghavendra , director

A Suitable Boy trailer out

CE Features

The trailer for Mira Nair's *A Suitable Boy* has been released. To be out on BBC One, the series is an adaptation of Vikram Seth's 1993 novel. It follows Lata, a young girl in post-independence India and the efforts of her family to get her married. The six-part series stars Tanya Maniktala, Ishaan Khatter, Tabu, Rasika Dugal, Ram Kapoor, Namit Das, Vijay Varma, Vivaan Shah and others.

The first episode is primed to be aired on BBC One on July 26 2020.

After Big B and Abhishek Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai and daughter Aaradhya test Covid positive

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Aishwarya Rai Bachchan - actor and wife of Abishek Bachchan - and her daughter Aaradhya Bachchan have tested positive for COVID-19. Earlier on Sunday, after Amitabh Bachchan and son Abhishek tested positive for the novel Coronavirus, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar said that the mother-daughter duo have however tested negative in their swab report.

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It's been two years since R Madhavan and Amit Sadh squared off in Breathe Season 1. To its credit, the Amazon Prime Video show had a reckless, desperate energy that kept it afloat despite the preposterous plotting. With that unmistakably gone, the new season ends up as a mindless hash of thriller clichés and sermons in pop psychology. The show's definitely scaled up — with Abhishek Bachchan leading the charge in his digital debut. But the sedate, straight-shooting actor proves ill-fitted for the material, nodding off in the car and glowering silently from time to time.

Like last season, *Breathe: Into The Shadows* is about parents doing unimaginably bizarre things to save their kid. Avinash (Abhishek) and Abha (Nithya Menen) are a couple in Delhi. At a birthday party, their six-year-old daughter, Siya, is kidnapped. For nine months, there's dead silence: no ransom letter, no first contact. Avinash is a psychiatrist and Abha a chef — food for thought? — and despite the ongoing police investigation, are finally learning to move on with their lives. But then there's a message: the kidnapper has kept Siya safe and is willing to negotiate. His humble demand? That Avinash and Abha execute a series of killings on his behalf. It's a ridiculous proposition, but the Sabharwals are somehow game. Soon, they are tailing targets and fixing pin-ups in the basement.

In another, not-so-distant corner, inspector Kabir Sawant (Amit) has hit rock bottom. We meet him in jail, bashing fellow inmates in the pouring rain. He's been on the wagon, though his liver is shot. Reeling from a past blunder, Kabir takes a transfer to Delhi and is put on the serial murders case. The cat-and-mouse chase that ensues is all that seems on offer for a while. That would have been fine, given writer-director Mayank Sharma's ability to build suspense into the silliest of scenes. There are intense set-pieces at roadside dhabas. The kidnapper wears a checkered hoodie and a mask, like a disgruntled rapper about to drop his hottest album yet. The silliness doesn't hold, though, or rather morphs into complete absurdity, as a midpoint reveal flings open the gates of hell.

Breathe is very much a show about brooding, self-absorbed men. Perhaps to counter this, the writers introduce a string of female characters: a gay author, a 'feminist' animator, a friendly escort, an independent dhaba-owner, a driven cop. There are some fine performances here — Resham Shrivardhan is striking as a bright medical student — but these characters are mostly limited to narrative busywork. The track between Kabir and Meghna (Plabita Borthakur), a woman he'd injured, is particularly facile in its short-sightedness. For all the tokenism, the women in this world are victims or mothers or hapless redemption arcs.

Abhishek Bachchan is out of depth in this harebrained thriller. His smooth-talking doc favours dull greys and blues, and is closer to a sleuth than shrink. It's a laughably complex role, and despite the actor's best efforts, there are flashes of self-parody (Avinash namechecks both Paa and Raavan in the show). Nithya Menen, making her second Hindi appearance after Mission Mangal, retains some emotional investment in her character. While out serial-killing with her husband, Abha stays sharp while also blundering frequently, as any normal person would. She's confronted by Kabir in the penultimate episode, and both Nithya and Amit manage to lift the scene above the grubby dialogue.

Streaming on: Amazon Prime Video
Director: Mayank Sharma
Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Amit Sadh, Nithya Menen
RATING 2/5

There is a curious DIY quality to the show. Characters hatch an escape plan using household products. Several episodes in, the biggest piece of clue is a restaurant menu. A Mumbai cop remarks on the 'largeness' of a Delhi home. At one point, Kabir, fashioning an unimpressed gait, is likened to a wheelchair. This could have been a witty reprisal of the ticking-clock dynamics established in the first show. But the writing is placidly thin, with illogical twists and convenient turnarounds at each step. Doubly infuriating is the bleeding dry of childhood trauma as a plot device — a screenwriting crutch Indian thriller writers can't do without.

"Pain is inevitable," we're told at one point. "But misery is optional." For viewers of *Breathe,* only the first is true.